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## Committee Okays Pharmacy Corps

### Long-Delayed Bill Gets Recommendation Of House Military Group

WASHINGTON.—The House Military Affairs Committee, after long delay, this week approved and recommended passage of the Pharmacy Corps bill (H. R. 997).

This bill would create a Pharmacy Corps in the Regular Army, placing it on the same basis as the Medical, Dental and Veterinary Corps of the Medical Department.

#### The Purpose

According to the committee, the purpose of the legislation is to coordinate under one organization all the pharmaceutical services rendered in the Army, including the purchase, examination, shipment, storage, and standardization of the drugs and medical supplies required by the Army and their compounding and dispensing.

Actually, the bill would not create an entirely new agency. It would, however, change the name of the Medical Administrative Corps of the Regular Army, which at present is composed of 16 commissioned pharmacists, and is in fact a pharmacy corps.

The number of officers would be increased from 16 to 72. They would be assisted by enlisted personnel.

Of course, in war time, the corps would be greatly expanded as the Army of United States is on active duty. This bill refers specifically to the Regular Army, that is, our professional soldiers. The Army of the United States, in which are included National Guardsmen, Reserve Officers and selectees, however, would also be affected.

#### How Promoted

Promotion of officers in the Pharmacy Corps would be on the same basis as that of officers in the other corps of the Medical Department. Although officers of the present Medical Administrative Corps can advance only to the rank of captain. Pharmacists would be commissioned in the Pharmacy Corps as second lieutenants. They would advance to first lieutenant after 3 years' service; to captain in six years; to major (Continued on Page 16)

## Extra Rations for Brief Furloughs

WASHINGTON.—Servicemen going home for a brief furlough of even three days can now obtain food ration certificates. It was announced by the Office of Price Administration this week.

After June 2, all U. S. servicemen, as well as Allied soldiers and sailors, on leave for 72 hours or longer, may apply for ration certificates before leaving camp. Heretofore, a week was the minimum period for which extra ration certificates could be obtained.

A "furlough ration unit" has been established, based on the amount of food that would be eaten in nine meals. This runs to eight points for processed foods, eight points for meats and fats, one-quarter pound of coffee and one-quarter pound of sugar. This unit is intended to cover nine meals or fraction thereof. A soldier on leave for four days will apply for a 12 meal allowance and will receive two units, or enough for 24 meals.

## Fredenhall to Command Second Army, June 1st

WASHINGTON.—Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredenhall, who has been acting commander of the Second Army, will become the commander with the rank and title of lieutenant general, by virtue of office, effective June 1, next. He will succeed Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, who will be retired May 31, 1943, under the statutory law, but who will be continued on active duty, on an assignment that will not be made public.

## OCS Course to be Four Months Long

WASHINGTON.—The course of instruction at Officer Candidate Schools will be extended to a minimum of four months, beginning not later than July 1, the War Department announced Thursday. The extension may apply to classes which enter before that time if schedules permit.

Complementing the increase in the course of instruction from three to four months, OCS classes will be smaller than heretofore. The reduction in the size of classes will vary with the individual schools.

While the desirability of longer courses of instruction and additional training has always been present, it is an established fact that many of the Army's best officers today are products of the Officer Candidate School system.

Extension of the courses which circumstances now permit, however, will enable schools to present better instruction. At the same time it will remove some of the pressure from students and make possible more thorough assimilation of the instruction.

Officer Candidate Schools have given the Army more than 185,000 officers who are now serving in grades from lieutenant colonel downward to second lieutenant.

As of April 30, 1943, one Officer Candidate School graduate had worked up through the grades from second lieutenant to that of lieutenant colonel; 16 had attained the grade of major; 2167 had reached the grade of captain and 35,258 were first lieutenants.

## Senate Passes Advance Pay Measure

WASHINGTON.—The Senate this week passed and sent to the House the "advance pay bill" which would permit payment of salary as much as three months in advance to those troops about to go overseas. It was referred to the House Military Affairs Committee where it is expected to be acted upon quickly.

Introduced into the Senate by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts was a bill (S. 1131) which would increase the government's contribution to servicemen's dependents allowance by 15 per cent. Thus an enlisted man with a wife but no child would receive \$32.20 from the government instead of \$28. Other increases are corresponding.

Senator Lodge explained that his proposal was made because of the increased cost of living. He said that "indications multiply that the number of dependents of servicemen who are receiving various forms of public assistance is growing." He also pointed out that "the rate of induction of men with dependents will increase in the near future."

This bill is similar to several others introduced into both houses of Congress, having for their purpose the increase of the government's allowance to dependents of servicemen.

However, it is thought to have a better chance of passing than the others because of the importance of its sponsor, Senator Lodge, and the manner in which it is presented.

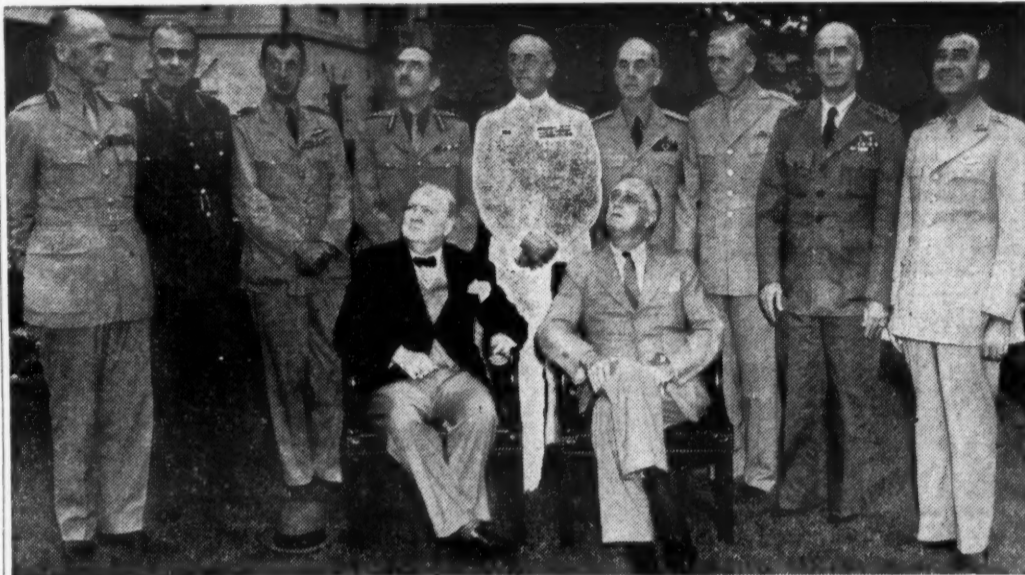
Also introduced into the Senate was a bill by Senator Reynolds, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, which would permit the President to grant posthumously commissions or non-commissioned officer warrants to those men who were about to receive them but were unable to because of their death in the line of duty.

## Army Times Publishes First of Song Series

WASHINGTON.—ARMY TIMES in next week's issue will present the first of a series of Army-written songs, "Fight, Army Men, Fight."

The music is from the Official West Point March, written by Lt. Philip Egner, former West Point bandmaster. The men of the Corps have marched to it for years.

The words were written by Col. Clayton E. Wheat especially for the soldiers of the Army.



THERE MUST HAVE BEEN something quite interesting overhead as combined chiefs of staff of Britain and America posed for their pictures on the White House lawn this week before a conference. Left to right, standing: Field Marshal Sir John Dill, head of the British Joint Staff Mission; Lt. Gen. Sir Hastings L. Ismay, chief staff officer to the Minister of Defense; Air Marshal Sir Charles F. A. Portal; Gen. Sir Alan Brooke; Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord; Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of staff to the President; Gen. George C. Marshall, USA, Chief of Staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief, U. S. Fleet; Lt. Gen. G. T. McNair, deputy chief of staff; seated, Prime Minister Churchill and the President.

## Army Rescues Thousands, Cares For Homeless in Flood Areas

WASHINGTON.—The Army has diverted 37,895 troops from combat training to save the lives of residents of seven flood-devastated states of the Mississippi valley, the War Department announced this week.

The Army has units of all three of its major divisions—the Army Ground Forces, the Army Service Forces and the Army Air Forces—in the flooded areas. These are working in cooperation with the Coast Guard, the Weather Bureau, the Red Cross and other agencies.

#### 51,000 Evacuated

Although surveys indicate that a total of 34 lives have been lost, some 51,430 persons were evacuated, primarily by troops. Additional thousands were rescued by the Red Cross and associated organizations.

The toll of lives and damage to vital war installations would have reached more tragic proportions but for the availability of equipment and trained military personnel. Many of

the 2476 persons rescued from danger points, and others who were helped in the evacuations might have been lost otherwise. The equipment included amphibious jeeps, Army trucks, assault boats, landing barges and motorized pontoons.

Army Engineers put into practice plans devised years in advance for just such an emergency. Maj. Gen. Eugene Reybold, chief of Engineers, has directed the technical operations in the flood zones for several days. Engineers carried the brunt of directional work in all areas.

#### Wouldn't Quit

The soldiers who worked without stint in their battle to hold the levees represented every section of the nation. After 12 hours of ceaseless labor, one unit stopped for supper, then, fearful the levee would give way, asked their commander to take them back to work.

This flood, the worst on record with the possible exception of that of August, 1875, is the result of a five-

day rainfall that started May 15. Few levees had been built high enough to hold. But those built by Army Engineers and completed up to their

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## Shut Your Eyes, Forward March!

WASHINGTON — Fifteen WAVES parade through a men's Turkish bath in a hotel here last week, but the military savvy of their group commander saved them from embarrassment.

When the fifteen crowded into an elevator something went wrong and it descended to the basement. And then it refused to budge.

The elevator operator suggested that there was an emergency door, but that it led through a men's Turkish bath.

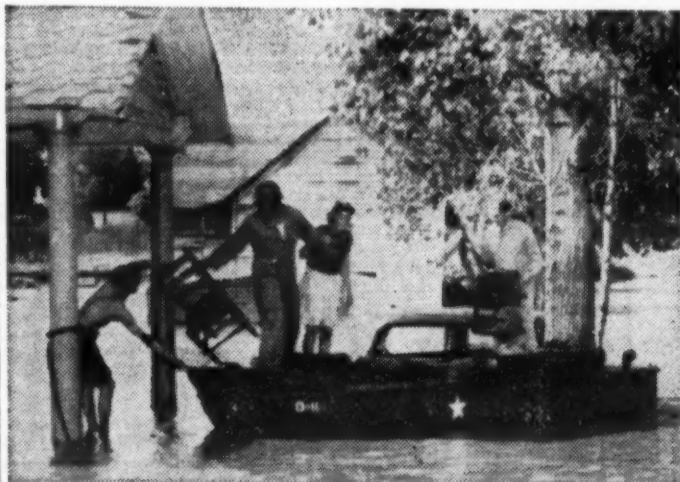
The group commander was equal to the occasion. "Form in line," came the order. "Hold hands tightly and shut your eyes. I'll lead you through."

## McNair Back on Job Fully Recovered

WASHINGTON.—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair has completely recovered from the wounds he received in Tunisia a month ago and has returned to his duties as commander of the Army Ground Forces, it was announced by the War Department this week.

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, who held the Ground Forces command during General McNair's absence from duty, will be retired at the end of May, but will be recalled to active duty immediately for a new assignment which has not yet been disclosed.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.



AMPHIBIOUS JEEP drives right up to the front porch to rescue a family of flooded-out residents. Top of a partially submerged automobile may be seen over the edge of the jeep. Many of the evacuees were housed in Army tents.

—Army Photo

# Four Days After Tornado Struck Fort Riley Damage Repaired



WHEN A SUDDEN tornado struck Fort Riley, Kans., damage totalled \$200,000, part of which is shown above. Two hundred men were injured and 41 frame buildings lowered. Rifles, bunks, barracks, clothes and foot lockers were scattered over a wide area.



FOUR DAYS later this picture was taken on the same spot as that above. Twenty-eight new buildings were built on the site and 12 badly damaged ones restored.

FORT RILEY, Kans.—Completion of reconstruction work on all buildings damaged by the tornado which swept through this replacement center was announced less than a week later by Brig. Gen. Robert W. Strong, camp commander. The two troops made homeless by the twister were back in their barracks, with com-

pletely new mess halls in full operation. Reconstruction involved the erection of 28 new buildings and the repair of 12 others partially damaged.

Credit for the prompt work, which was completed in little more than four days, despite interruptions caused by three sharp rainstorms, was due, according to General Strong, to the efficiency of Col. Robert E. M. Des Islets and Maj. Samuel T. Whitebread. Col. Des Islets is district engineer for Kansas and Missouri and Major Whitebread is area engineer in charge of operations, with headquarters in Topeka.

Only a few hours after the storm occurred engineers were on the spot making preliminary surveys of the damage. The contract for repairs was negotiated immediately and two carloads of lumber and materials arrived at Fort Riley Saturday evening.

A radio appeal for carpenters over station WIBW, Topeka, and the diversion of construction workers from

other projects enabled operations to go into full swing on a 24-hour basis. Portable floodlights solved the lighting problem for night crews.

General Strong said that only two days' training time was lost by the two troops whose buildings and equipment were completely destroyed. That more precious time was not lost was due to the rapidity with which army engineers moved in with men and equipment to repair the damage.

## Survey Samples Soldiers' Tastes

NEW YORK—The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company made some tests, in interviews, as to what the American soldier wants most when he comes home on furlough. Here are the results:

1. Girls. They want feminine girls, with frills and furbelows. Not mannish, tailored outfits, nor slacks, nor semi-military clothes.
2. Movies. The soldier wants nothing grim. He likes musicals and service adventure stories with lots of action and comic interludes.
3. Cigarettes. The favorite with the Army, as is evidenced in sales records at the post exchanges and canteens is Camels. The same applies to the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines.
4. Food. The homecoming soldier will be happy with any kind of food. But—he wants it served on separate plates. His mess tray has compartments, but the partitions aren't always high enough to keep his salad out of his mashed potatoes, and his steak away from his ice cream.

## Soft Job

CAMP WHEELER, Ga. — Sergeant Gaddis, keeper of records at camp headquarters, has been in service for 19 years. And in all that time, he asserts, he has never been issued a set of fatigues.

# Troops on Maneuvers Continue to Improve

SECOND ARMY MANEUVER HEADQUARTERS. Somewhere in Tennessee.—Officers and men of the Second Army troops participating in the Tennessee maneuvers have made such marked progress in the series of simulated war exercises that Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commander, characterized the fourth problem as "the most successful in the series."

The employment of opposing Red and Blue forces was "well conceived and executed," General Fredendall added in reviewing the week's operations at an officers' critique.

The element of uncertainty and surprise prevailed throughout the last problem requiring the employment of well-planned strategic methods in attempting to gain objectives. The Red forces seemed to have the upper hand all the way and were commended for their aggressiveness. Originally planned to bring about a meeting engagement between a smaller and larger force in which the smaller army was to withdraw for defensive action, the smaller Red force took the offensive from the start and aggressively took over their objective points of Lebanon and Hermitage.

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, whose temporary appointment as lieutenant general was confirmed by the Senate, observed the maneuvers here this week. While General Lear emphasized the need for additional training of small arm units, he concluded that the components would be in complete readiness for front-line engagements "within two or three months."

Every effort to inject the fullest realism of actual warfare conditions in the maneuvers has been made and has developed a serious minded soldier who is giving much thought to the valuable training in the maneuvers for self-protection.

So realistic are the war games that air corps units urged troops to refrain from throwing stones at low-flying bombers and strafers. Another touch of realism was an incident during the capture of Hermitage, Tenn., by the Red forces. One colored soldier concealed himself behind a hedge and "bombed" a passing Blue officer with a sack of flour (simulated bomb).

Indulging in a lighter vein, General Fredendall stated that farmers were complaining that soldiers were enticing dogs away from farmyards. The general admonished troops to cease "stealing farmer's dogs."

## USO-Camp Shows Plan Big Summer

NEW YORK, N. Y.—More than twice as many USO-Camp Shows will tour the camps this summer, as compared with last summer when total attendance was 3,580,867.

There will be 25 units traveling the "Red" and "White" circuits, 51 units covering the "Blue" circuit reaching the small and isolated units of service men. Also more spot-booked units from New York and other centers.

Some idea of the scope of the Camp Shows operations is given in statistics issued this week. This month there were 1,064 performers (all professionals) on the payroll, entertaining soldiers and sailors. A year ago there were 402. Between Nov. 23, 1942 and April 24, 1943, the Red and White Circuits alone presented 6,550 regular performances and 518 hospital shows. This total of 7,068 compares with 2,834 performances last summer (20 weeks) by the Red and White units.

During the past 22 weeks of the current winter season 6,146,890 servicemen saw regular Red and White Circuit Camp Show performances, while 180,302 had the shows brought to them in hospitals. Upwards of 2,000,000 more servicemen witnessed shows given by Blue Circuit Tabloid Troupes.

MOBILE HEADQUARTERS. THIRD ARMY. Somewhere in Louisiana.—Maj. Gen. Wade R. Haislip this week praised training operations of Third Army troops as the "best yet," but said there is room for vast improvements in the Louisiana maneuvers, which he described as a dress rehearsal for actual combat to come.

Giving his critique on the ninth phase of maneuvers, General Haislip, XV Corps commander and director of the maneuvers, especially commended unit commanders for teaching their men to "dig in" during training, which he said increased their strength ten-fold.

His praise went to both sides—the Reds and the Blues.

"I think we learned a lot on both sides. It was the best work we've done yet," he said, suggesting that leaders of the maneuvers should capitalize on what they learned and do still a better job in the future.

General Haislip centered attention on an elaborately coordinated tank force attack, paced by tanks. A coordinated plan was made available to the attacking force. The successful completion of the attack furnished valuable instruction, he said.

The general climaxed his review of maneuver operations by insisting on a "combination of all the power you have in a growing, continuing violent blow at the enemy."



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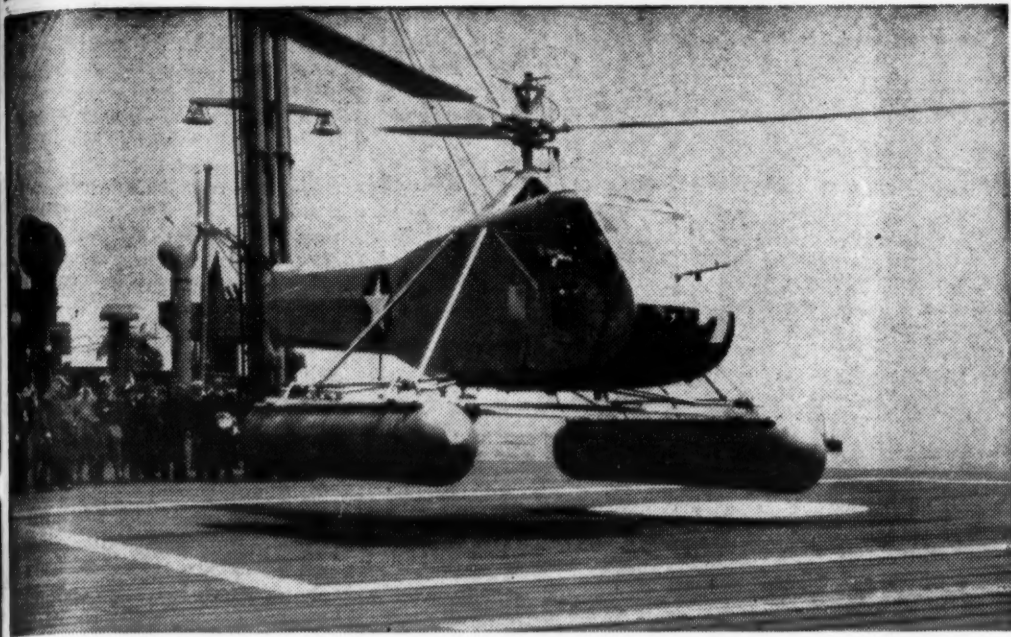
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**HISTORY-MAKING** demonstration of the Helicopter took place on Long Island Sound. Col. H. F. Gregory, Air Corps pilot of the Material Command, Wright Field, Ohio, made about 24 landings and take-offs with the small craft from the deck of a moving tanker. Following the demonstration it was announced that a plan is underway to put a small deck on Liberty ships without interfering with cargo arrangement. The helicopters are another answer to the sub menace.

AAP Photo

## Meet Monly Heeman Monikers Make News

**CAMP WHEELER, Ga.**—There's mournful reading for Hitler in a poster of recently arrived trainees at Camp Wheeler, a census by Spoke, camp newspaper, revealed.

The Nazi boss will have to cope with the left hooks of a private named Lovely Dukes, and in case Bubbles Goering wants to make anything of it, Dukes will be backed up by another soldier named Manley Heeman.

But wait! One private looking for evens with the Axis some day is A. Greek. He has a buddy named John Liberator, and to pave the way for both of them, there's a Pvt. Lee Grant, who wouldn't mind an eventual assignment to the tank forces. All three of these men are equipped with individual reconnaissance patrols in Pvs. George Samuel Barefoot, John Golightly and Early Look. Apparently named for world opinion about Hitler is Pvt. Otto Nerz, while a soldier who doesn't need trains of salt to lend ear to Doc Goebbels' explanations of the planned withdrawal in North Africa is Pvt. Myron Yawn.

A John Quincy Adams and a Robert E. Lee have also begun training here to deal with Der Goosesteppers. But a private whose name sounds vaguely like sudden death to Adolf's Invincibles is a soldier with the ominous handle of Wasco Bungo.

## Gen. Herrick Resumes Command of Wallace

**CAMP WALLACE, Tex.**—Brig. Gen. Hugh N. Herrick, who has been absent from the camp from illness for several weeks, returned last week to resume his duties as commanding general of the Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center.

During General Herrick's absence his duties have been assumed by Brig. Gen. Clare H. Armstrong.

## 69th Infantry Division Is Activated at Shelby

**CAMP SHELBY, Miss.**—The 69th Infantry Division was activated in a colorful outdoor ceremony here last week.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, the commanding officer of the new 69th, was chief of staff in Britain to Maj. Gen. James E. Chaney and Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Later he was assistant division commander of the 91st Division.

## Army Helicopter Makes Record Flight from Ship

**WASHINGTON.**—Operation of an amphibious helicopter recently on Long Island Sound demonstrated that a new anti-submarine weapon is available, the War Department disclosed this week.

The United States Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration joined the Army in sponsoring the demonstration of the new craft, which was developed by

the Army and manufactured by the Sikorsky Division of United Aircraft Corporation.

Col. H. F. Gregory, Army Air Forces, Materiel Command, Wright Field, testing the small wingless craft, made 24 landings and take-offs from the deck of a tanker traveling at varied speeds. The take-off space was 78 by 48 feet, closed in fore and aft by deck housing, superstructure and masts.

Flotation equipment installed on the helicopter made it possible to land and take off on water as well as on ship or land.

Water landings and take-offs were included in Colonel Gregory's demonstration, also ship-to-shore ferry hops. This marked the first time a helicopter had ever been landed or flown from a ship deck, and was the first ship-to-shore ferry flight by helicopter.

Ability of the helicopter to hover stationary in the air makes it an excellent artillery observation post with direct telephone communication to the ground. Camouflage of the stationary craft would be exceedingly effective.

## Pvt. Saroyan to Write "Screen-Mag" for Army

**PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTER, Astoria, L. I.**—Pvt. William Saroyan, who wrote "The Human Comedy" and carried off the Pulitzer prize, has been assigned here by the Signal Corps to do the writing on a new "screen-magazine" to be shown to the men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Private Saroyan will work under Lt. Col. Frank Capra and Lt. Col. Emanuel Cohan, who will be in charge of the new film series. He will write commentary for the two-reelers which will be distributed to domestic and overseas bases and camps by the overseas motion picture division of the War Department.

## Colonel Stone Becomes AG of Armored Force

**FORT KNOX, Ky.**—Col. Raymond Stone Jr., former adjutant general of the III Armored Corps at Camp Polk, La., has been appointed adjutant general of the Armored Force. He succeeds Col. E. F. Olsen, whose new assignment is not disclosed.

## Stilwell Visits Ord, Praises US Materiel

**FORT ORD, Calif.**—Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, back in United States temporarily from his command of the Allied forces in the China-Burma-India theatre, paid a visit last week to the camp here where he organized the Seventh Division, and commented on Army training in the light of conditions he had found in the East.

"The fundamentals are the important thing," General Stilwell said. "Learn those, your life may depend on them. You can't put too much effort into your basic training. It will save your life some day."

"American soldiers don't need to worry about meeting anyone with better arms," he said. "Our material is superb."

## Double Talk

**CAMP BLANDING, Fla.**—"Double Talk" is no longer the nickname of an officer at Blanding's Induction Station, but confusion continues when members of the staff are heard calling "Colonel Major."

Promotion of Maj. Ernest O. Majure, to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Medical Corps will end the call for "Major Majure"—but the medico's name when used with his rank is still a problem. It's been one ever since he came on active duty here as a lieutenant in November, 1940.

## Pigeon Born at Meade With 3 Eyes, 2 Beaks

**FORT MEADE, Md.**—The men of the 828th Signal Replacement Center were interested last week in the birth of an unusual pigeon which had two beaks and three eyes.

By reason of respiratory difficulties the freak bird died.

# Signal Men Push Line to Alaska

**It Will Be Longest of Its Kind in the World When Finished**

**WASHINGTON**—Two generals picked up the phone in the Pentagon, the War Department building, in Washington and spoke to Army officers at Whitehorse in the wilds of the Yukon Territory of Canada. This marked the official opening of telephone communications to the Northwest Service Command and the Great Northwest region.

The circuit over which the two Army generals spoke was the wires of the Alcan Telephone Project, being pushed through by the Signal Corps. When completed, this circuit will reach from Edmonton, Alberta, to Fairbanks, Alaska—more than two thousand miles. It will be the longest carrier-equipped telephone line in the world.

## 900 Mile Link

The first section was put through from Edmonton to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, December 1, 1942, a distance of 442 miles. The second section, put into operation last Friday, is from Dawson Creek to Whitehorse and covers almost 900 miles, the longest single link in the system.

The entire two thousand-mile line will provide telephone and teletype facilities for the military needs of the United Nations through the use of seven talking channels and 14 teletype channels.

The first call was placed by Maj. Gen. Dawson Olmstead, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, who spoke to Lt. Col. Dee Berry, Signal Officer of the Northwest Service Command and Maj. Ora F. Roberts, officer in charge of the project. The second call took place between Maj. Gen. W. D. Styer, Chief of Staff, Army Service Forces, and Col. Kenneth B. Bush, Chief of Staff of the Northwest Service Command.

## "Job Well Done"

"I would like to congratulate the Signal Corps personnel, officers and men, for their work. It is a job well done," General Olmstead told Colonel Berry.

Fifty degrees below zero was commonplace during the construction of the Dawson Creek-Whitehorse section. Blasting in order to loosen the earth to sink telephone poles was the order of the day. In many instances, poles were erected in three to five feet of snow. The worst snowstorm in 40 years hit Edmonton during the construction of the first section.

Even greater difficulty was encountered during the spring thaws. As the temperature rose, the snows and ice of the north country melted rapidly and turned the ground into quagmires. Tripod construction of poles was necessary in order to keep

them standing in the muskeg.

It made the problem of getting men and supplies through almost insurmountable. For this was virgin wilderness, until last year untouched by man. It was a job that made it necessary to get workers and equipment to proper locations without the benefit of railroads or concrete highways, of arranging for food and housing where there were no restaurants or hotels, of furnishing the right kind of clothing for the proper season of the year.

Notwithstanding the difficulties, men fought the wilderness, the mud, the snow, and the subzero weather to inch the line through.

## Camp Abbot Gets Underway

By Sgt. George S. Fly

**CAMP ABBOT, Ore.**—Camp Abbot, destined to be the largest Engineer Replacement Center of the Army, was activated May 15 with the arrival of a training cadre from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The cadre was activated at the Missouri Army post early in February and is composed of picked men from Fort Belvoir, Va., and Fort Leonard Wood.

The first detachment of WAAC's arrived two days later and are among the first to be sent to a newly activated Army post. The post is not as yet complete and the WAAC's are temporarily occupying barracks designed for enlisted men. Their barracks are expected to be ready for occupancy in the next 10 days.

The first flag to float over Camp Abbot was hoisted to the flagpole Tuesday in presence of officers, the training cadre, service command auxiliary troops, WAAC detachment and prominent citizens of Bend, the town nearest the camp.

The camp is named in honor of Brig. Gen. Henry L. Abbot, distinguished Army engineer, who camped on the site of Camp Abbot while engaged in making a portion of the Pacific Railroad Survey in 1954. The camp is located 18 miles south of Bend, Ore. A railroad spur connects the camp with the railroad at Bend. Col. Frank S. Besson is commander of the post.

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## The Helicopter

Recent experiments with the newly-developed Sikorsky helicopter, publicity regarding which was given release only this week, suggest a variety of possible new uses, and also suggest that it may be one of the final answers to the submarine menace.

Various news items, for some months past, have told stories of the helicopter's ability, not only to take off and land from extremely limited areas, but also to hover, at the will of the pilot, at any height within the plane's ceiling. In the experiments on Long Island Sound, the machine, equipped with floats, made repeated take-offs and landings from a platform 20 feet square specially built on a tanker.

The excellent protective service given for some months past by pilots and officers of the CAP, using light planes, is given credit, in some quarters at least, for limiting the menace of subs in the Atlantic Coast area. The CAP planes have little offensive power. Their usefulness has come principally in two forms; first, patrol, and secondly, in reporting the presence of enemy subs and in some cases remaining on the scene until the undersea craft could be dealt with by armed planes or cruisers.

If, as now seems readily possible, that service could be extended so that numerous cargo ships, perhaps every one, could carry its own helicopter, with its ability to take off and land at will, and also the power to hover over suspected water, it now appears that that result could be extended to cover the whole ocean area. There seems to be no good reason, also, why the helicopter in larger development, should not be armed, with bombs as well as with light guns, so that it would become an offensive, as well as a detective, weapon.

The Navy, as is well known, appears to have been reluctant to make any move toward the use of the helicopter. The Army was its first champion. It is now announced that the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration have been sufficiently interested as a result of the experiments to prepare a plan for a small deck to be installed on Liberty ships, apparently for further demonstration. This can be done, it appears, without interfering with the present cargo arrangements, at least of the Liberty ships.

Still further, it is known that light, unarmed planes are being used on the battle fronts for artillery reconnaissance. It would not be a lengthy step to utilize the helicopter, with its ability to land and take off virtually anywhere, and its most useful power of hovering, to definite advantage for this purpose.

So that we may be seeing, at the moment, the development of another new American weapon, which will make a marked contribution to winning the war.

## The Pharmacy Corps Bill

The Pharmacy Corps Bill (H. R. 997) which was approved and recommended by the House Military Affairs Committee this week, should be passed without further delay.

It appears only reasonable that a Pharmacy Corps should be given similar status to that of the Medical, Dental and Veterinary Corps. Further, it promises greater efficiency if the varied pharmaceutical services now operated in the Army were centralized under one authority, the officers of which, by training and experience, were given similar status to that of the Medical, Dental and Veterinary Corps to carry out those duties. One of the suggestions of the bill is that such a corps would be of material service in disposing to advantage of the large stocks of drugs and supplies which will be on hand when the war emergency is over.

It should be emphasized that the bill will not provide for the commissioning of every pharmacist who may serve in the Army but only for that number which will be required for the special work of the Corps. Undoubtedly there are sufficient men of high calibre in their profession now in the Army who will give excellent service in activities for which they have been specially trained.

## Letters to the Editor

### Shoulder Patches

Gentlemen:

I read where a soldier was saving regimental pins and what a response he got from a story in Army Times. I save shoulder patches. I would like to get enough to send home as a bedspread for my mother.

The boys here at Camp Rucker get quite a kick out of ARMY TIMES. As soon as they arrive they gang upon the fellow who is passing them out.

Pvt. William J. Fitzgerald  
Co. H, 137th Infantry  
APO 35  
Camp Rucker, Ala.

### Furchoppers

Gentlemen:

In your May 8 issue I saw in your "Mess Line" an article as follows: "Poster in barber's window—'Army haircuts repaired.'"

This really cut me to the quick so there was nothing else to do but

file my protest.

I have to work on 170 men and officers and even more from the regiment. I have had a shop at home for the last 12 years in Coal City, Ill. Maybe, the furchopper that put up the poster would like to compete with me. If he does, my address is—

Pfc. Thomas L. Gilmour  
Anti-Tank Co., 409th Inf.  
APO 470, 103rd Div.  
Camp Claiborne, La.

### It Really Happened

Gentlemen:

A few months ago, I spent my furlough in good old Los Angeles. Fun, merriment and pleasure were all mine for 14 days. The Hollywood Canteen and other places of interest are open to the dogface and usually he goes back to camp broke, but would you believe me, I came back with \$35 to the good, and I didn't gamble or find it either.

I presented my ticket to the conductor in the train station to go



## Sergeant Yowlinghorse's Painless Little Lessons in War Peggy Comes Between Her Man And Jap

By Sgt. Don Robinson  
15th Division

"Okay, take 10," said Sergeant Tarmenter, flopping onto the hard ground as if it were a beautyrest. A moment later he and his machine gun squad were snoozing peacefully.

"What," asked Colonel Puzzyfut, "was that noise?" The driver stopped the jeep and listened. Soon he detected a rhythmic sound, closely approximating that of a sawmill with a war contract and a time limit.

"A snore, sir," said the driver. "I thought so," snorted the colonel. "Yowlinghorse, is one of your men snoring?" He had turned to the grizzled first sergeant in the back seat of the jeep.

"I don't seem to recognize the snore, sir," said Yowlinghorse. "Maybe it's one of the reds. I'll take a look."

Cautious as a rookie with a hand grenade, Yowlinghorse stalked in the direction of the snore. The sound seemed very near, now, and Eddie could hear it vibrating his tin hat. He parted the bushes and frowned down upon two machine gun sections, dead to the world.

"Sergeant Tarmenter," yelled Yowlinghorse. As that unhappy soldier regretfully awakened, Eddie started in. "Dammit, don't you guys know about all-round security. You're sprawled out like lizards on a rock. Infiltrating reds could surround you, and you'd never know it. Now get up, and post some guards."

"For a ten-minute rest?" asked Tarmenter. "Why, hell, I'd hardly get 'em out before I had to call 'em back." These are only maneuvers, he thought, and when my men get into combat, they'll know what to do. He took out Peggy's picture from his breast pocket, and gazed into her eyes. Hazel eyes. Wish I could be with you, baby, instead of that ape, he thought. He grimaced at Yowlinghorse's retreating back.

Months of training, weeks on a stuffy transport, a surprisingly uneventful landing, and the outfit was in combat. Sgt. Hugh Tarmenter was proud of his gunners.

back to camp. He waved his hand back and forth; then there big drops formed upon his brow. I told him "If I don't catch this train, I'll be AWOL." "Sorry, fellow, you will have to buy a new ticket, this is the Deluxe Special," replied the conductor. "All I have is \$4.00, pal." I replied, "Sorry, that won't do." The train is scheduled to leave at nine o'clock and in a few minutes the train will pull out. I had to do some fast thinking. I shouted, "This man is trying to sabotage me from going back to camp." Immediately the crowd was on my side, shouting, "Let him on, you Nazi." He shook his head and said "no." At that moment I saw greenbacks from all sides being shoved into my hands, from people I never knew. "Go ahead soldier, take it and catch

They set some sort of a record on the range that last month in camp.

Fifty minutes had passed since they had begun trudging through the jungle toward where the Japs were reported. They had yet to see their first Jap, and Hugh was looking forward to the meeting.

"We'll mow 'em down," he told his men as they relaxed for the break. "Now this is the last break in safe territory. Next time we break, you guys know who's to be guards."

It wouldn't hurt now if he dozed a bit... hot... muggy... jungle... enough... And his characteristic snore began.

This time it was Superior Private Jurul Komuri who heard the sound. Only an important man snore like that. He took careful aim from the tree—the tree he'd occupied since Wednesday.

Bang!

It wasn't the noise that awak-

ened Tarmenter. It was a jolt over the heart. "Sniper!" he yelled. Carefully the men maneuvered, and one of them finally shot the little superior private out of the tree.

Then Tarmenter turned his attention to himself, fearfully, because he knew he had been struck. Yet, he didn't feel anything. Sometimes, he knew, it was like that.

There was a hole in his shirt at the pocket. But no bleed! He took Peggy's picture from his pocket. Imbedded in the heavy metal frame was a .25 calibre Jap slug. He opened the case.

A silver had penetrated that sacred picture. He looked again, incredulously. Peggy was sticking out her tongue at him! Nope, it was only that silver of metal coming through the lips.

"Okay, baby. You saved my life that time. Next time I'll be more careful," said Tarmenter.

## Not for Medics

CAMP HAAN, Calif.—Four cardboard boxes of medicine balls came in last week and were routed by a shipping clerk to—the camp hospital.

Yes, eventually, they reached the AAATC supplies.

## Stimson Praises General DeWitt

WASHINGTON—Secretary Stimson said Thursday that any suggestion that Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt was being relieved of command of the Fourth Army because of a disagreement with the War Department over evacuation of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast was nonsense.

"The War Department feels that General DeWitt has made a fine and successful record in his command of the Fourth Army, particularly in the handling of the difficult problem of the evacuation of the Japanese from the Coastal Area," said Stimson. He declined to discuss DeWitt's prospective new assignment or his successor in command of the Fourth Army.

## Brig. Gen. Ray Porter, Asst. Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON—Brig. Gen. Ray Porter has become assistant chief of staff, G-3, in charge of Plans and Training, Secretary Stimson announced Thursday. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Idwal M. Edwards, who has become chief of staff of the European Theatre under Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers.

General Porter was formerly aide to General Eisenhower.

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## Knows the Answer

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—M/Sgt. Arnie L. Matlock, Det. Med. Dept. Station Hospital, knows all the answers. The other day, during a quiz given by Infantry officers to determine the training status of members of the Service Command, he was asked: "How many types of North are there?" and immediately came back with the right answer, "Three."

Asked later to qualify his answer, which, of course, pertained to "true, grid and magnetic," he came back with: "Why, any dope knows that North, Northeast and Northwest."



**FLOOD WATERS** brought thousands of soldiers to the rescue last week throughout the Mississippi River valley and its tributaries. This picture shows troops of the 359th Infantry reinforcing a weak section of the White River levee in Arkansas.

## Privates Make \$1700 a Year

### OWI Adds the Benefits of Army Life and Gets that Figure

WASHINGTON.—An estimate that the lowest paid Army private receives the equivalent of \$1,700 per year was handed out last week by the Office of War Information.

The estimate was made by Representative Patman of Texas, assisted by the War and Navy Departments and the Veterans Administration.

Here is the analysis of the estimate:

Soldiers cash income at \$50 a month, \$600; food, figured at \$1.50 a day, \$574.50; barrack shelter (\$10 monthly), \$120; equipment and replacement, \$170; medical, dental and hospital care, \$100; saved on life insurance, \$63.40; saved on cigarettes, \$10.95; saved on laundry, \$32.50; saved on postage and barber charges, \$28.65.

Soldiers on duty outside United States can buy cigarettes exempt from the Federal tax of 7c per package. In United States the price for cigarettes in post exchanges is usually lower than in civilian stores. Postage is free.

Summing up various rights and privileges of service men, the OWI pointed out that Acts of Congress pertaining to the welfare of service men and their families, State laws and the American Red Cross provide:

"That a service man's civil liabilities, such as income tax, suits for debts and insurance premium payments, are suspended and remain suspended until six months after the war. Free legal advice is available to him.

"His right to express preference at the ballot box on those who are to govern the country, his State and to make laws is preserved inviolate.

**Other Benefits**  
"He is eligible for unemployment compensation in 44 States and the Territory of Hawaii in the event he is unable to find employment on being discharged from the service. "His former employer is required by law to reinstate him to his job

and seniority rights upon discharge from the service. He will receive civil service preference in seeking employment with the national government.

"His concern over the health and other assistance and services which may be required by his wife, his children, his parents or his sisters, brothers and grandchildren is alleviated through systems of insurance, allotments and allowances, residential quarter allowances and maternity infant care.

"He may receive free medical and hospital care after the war. If wounded or injured he may be eligible for veterans' pension compensation with his degree of disability and to vocational rehabilitation and placement in employment."

## Flood Victims Rescued, Cared for by Soldiers

(Continued from Page 1)  
specifications did hold. Not a single one broke.

The main job of the troops was holding and repairing the levees and evacuating residents. In addition, the Army aided the Red Cross in caring for the evacuees, and provided them with food, clothing and shelter.

At Camp Gruber, Okla., more than 2000 refugees were housed. Three babies were born. Soldiers crossed land and water in amphibious jeeps to get necessities for them.

**Patrol Levees**  
About 2500 troops aided in fighting the flood in the Muskogee, Okla., area. At Beardstown, Ill., flashboards reinforced with sandbags saved the town. Along the Illinois river, 1700 troops patrolled the levees; 500 persons were rescued by boat, and 9500 were evacuated by troops and Coast Guardsmen.

In the upper Mississippi valley, 6800 soldiers from Scott Field and other nearby camps were employed. Engineers and Coast Guardsmen used 285 boats to rescue 6150 persons, more than 20,000 cattle, and countless poultry along with now priceless and irreplaceable farm machinery.

In the lower reaches of the Missouri river valley, the flood topped a 100-year record, flooding 1,000,000 acres of land. Army Engineers, assisted by 5000 State Guardsmen and civilians, rescued 350 from flooded homes and evacuated another 10,000. Cattle, poultry and precious machinery were saved.

From Sioux City, Ia., to Kansas City, Mo., 4500 soldiers worked a 24-hour schedule with Army Engineers to repair breaks in levees along this stretch of the river.

**Still Goes On**  
On the White and lower Arkansas rivers in Arkansas the battle goes on. Recent intensive rains have magnified the problem, producing new flood waters.

Three Engineer General Service Regiments and three Engineer Light Pontoon Companies have been assigned to the area. Included was the 95th Regiment of Negro troops who helped build the Alcan Highway in Alaska. This outfit came from Camp Claiborne, La., and is credited with having saved an important levee.

Flood waters tore out a 27-inch water main supplying Fort Smith and Camp Chaffee, Ark., leaving a city of 40,000 residents and a large cantonment with a four-day water supply. The 125th Engineers put in temporary lines carrying about 6,000,000 gallons a day.

Approximately 1000 officers and enlisted men of the 393d Engineer Regiment and 7000 officers and en-

listed men from Camp Robinson, Ark., worked in this area evacuating 11,000. Also, Engineer craft and operators combed the section from Sallisaw, Okla., to Paris, Ark., saving 446 persons who were stranded.

**Fought Disease, Too**

One of the main problems of the Army was to prevent the flood from taking a high toll in the spread of disease. Portable water purification plants were set up where water systems were ruined. Medicines and medical aid were provided. Ambulances, blankets, cots and food were made available. In Gore, Okla., an Army kitchen provided the only food for days for many people in that area.

Vitality important war plants and railroad yards in the St. Louis area, valued at \$450,000,000, stand safe behind the levees along the Mississippi at this point. None of them has been breached.

## Opportunity for Commissions In Sanitary Corps Is Cited

WASHINGTON.—The War Department announced this week that there are opportunities for qualified enlisted men to secure commissions for assignment to the Sanitary Corps.

A need now exists for men qualified in any of the following specialties: Sanitary engineering, medical entomology, medical bacteriology, serology, biological chemistry or parasitology. This Corps is made up of officers who are non-medical graduates.

Minimum education requirements are a bachelor's degree with an appropriate science major or if applicant does not have sufficient experience qualifications an advanced degree of M.S. or Ph.D. will be given consideration.

Experience necessary is a minimum

of two years appropriate experience in the particular field in which applicant is qualified and while in employ of a state, county or city, or a hospital approved by the American Medical Association or an approved college or university or a governmental or approved private agency. In exceptional cases one year of Army laboratory experience may be sufficient to qualify an applicant.

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## New Kinks

Recent Ideas That Help Us Win the War

Ideas win wars. This column is a collection of miscellaneous ideas and inventions that are bringing us to victory. Some are important, some aren't. But they all are worth while.

### New Jap Bomb

The Japs are said to have a new double-duty bomb which at least sounds deadly. A steel case is filled with rubber bungs which contain phosphorus in solution. Also a charge of TNT is included. When the bomb is set off the rubber pellets start fires in every direction for 50 yards while the high explosive shatters the nose cap and spreads the fragments around for 80 yards. It is suggested that in fighting this bomb the best procedure is to quench the flames with water and then drop the pellets in a bucket of it. Later spread them in an open space and allow them to burn out.

### Antidote for Shock

What seems likely to prove a specific antidote for surgical shock has been discovered by Dr. Georges Ungar, an eminent Paris physician, now working with the French fighting forces in London. Shock is the bugbear specialty of military surgeons, and anything which will prevent this will be the means of saving life in thousands of cases. The new treatment is to administer a blood serum from animals artificially shocked to the patient previous to operation. The theory is that the body itself manufactures some substance in self-defense which is circulated in the blood and maintains its efficacy for some time. Shock is characterized as a type of body poisoning. The serum operates to counteract this.

### New Diagnosis

Lives threatened by gas gangrene infection in war wounds are likely to be saved by a new chemical test now being experimented with. The test is based on detecting in fluid exuding from the wound the presence of enzymes or ferments produced by the germs which cause gas gangrene. Gas gangrene develops so quickly that death may follow in a few hours and is difficult to diagnose in time for effective treatment. The new chemical test is said to give results in an hour. Gas gangrene, when definitely diagnosed, can now be successfully treated with X-rays.

### Shelter-Defense Towers

Huge concrete towers, which will serve not only for anti-aircraft guns but at the same time provide shelter for large numbers of civilians, have been described recently by the Axis radio, presumably to provide morale to the German people. The towers are said by correspondents who saw them under construction, to be about 100 feet high and to look like fortresses with narrow slit windows. They are said to carry batteries of 120 mm. guns on the roof and to be

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# Life at the Front

Reports on Fighting Men  
From All Over the World

## Busy Life

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.**—The WAACs out here are on pretty steady duty. One night every two weeks, with a curfew at 11, and half a day a week to do their laundry, is the sum total of their leave. They work 9 to 14 hours a day, manning kitchens, typewriters, teletypes and trucks, hence don't find the time hangs heavily. The nearest movies and restaurants are five miles away from the monastery where they are quartered, and there is no transportation. The only movies in English are about three years old.

## Good Neighbors

**CHUNGKING, China.**—Arrangements have been worked out by the Chinese-America Institute of Cultural Relations for American service men, from privates up to commanding officers, to visit and dine in Chinese homes "to meet new Chinese friends and learn something of Chinese home life."

## Rescue Service

**NEW DELHI, India.**—A plane rescue service was described by Maj. Gen. Clayton L. Bissel, chief of the United States Air Forces of China, Burma and India. The service brings back damaged planes, even from under the eyes of the enemy. Recently an American plane was forced down at an advanced station, after a clash with the Japs. The pilot signalled what spare parts he needed and these were rushed out by another plane, installed and the damaged plane got back to its base.

## Quick Promotions

**TUNIS.**—Some of the Germans captured in the push here were found to have been very busy in promoting themselves, even before they fell into American hands, so that as prisoners they would draw better pay. Under the rules of war captured officers are paid by their captors according to their rank.

## Adopt a Child

**GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia.**—Members of a signal unit, somewhere in this country, have adopted a baby. They will pay \$125 per month to be held in trust for the child. Lawyers are now completing formalities whereby the 250 members of the unit will legally be fathers.

## New Use for Sea Shells

**SOMEWHERE OVERSEAS.**—An overseas chaplain's report tells how unusual difficulties in lack of equipment were gotten over. "We observed our first communion services of the month, using sea shells for communion cups."

## Nevertheless Keen

**STARK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Charleston, N. C.**—Lt. Mac N. McMurrell, a fighter pilot, is recuperating here, following twelve major operations, the result of wounds received in an air battle over El Alamein. He was trying to get away from a flock of Messerschmidts when a 20 mm. shell tore a hole in the side of his plane and exploded between his feet, fracturing both legs, and injuring his right arm. He was 120 miles inside the German

lines, but piloted the plane with his left arm, hedge-hopped over the whole German army and finally landed twenty miles inside the Allied lines, in a deserted British airport. Crawling on his hands and knees he was finally picked up by a British convoy and taken to a hospital in Syria, later being brought back here. Now he is keen to get back "to pay a debt I owe to the Jerries."

## Feeling It

**WITH THE U. S. AIR FORCE IN CHINA.**—A Tokyo broadcast heard here makes an offer of 10,000 yen for the capture, dead or alive, of any member of the United States medium bombardment group based in China. The group has carried out more than 70 raids against Jap bases in the past year. Evidently they are getting a bit on the little men's nerves.

## Jeep-hunting

**SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA.**—The American jeep plays a big part in game hunting here. Three men find what looks like a good spot, then two of them leave the jeep and driver, creep into the center of the area and lie low. Then the jeep is moved around in circles, and raises any game there may be in the neighborhood. The boys in hiding have chances for good shots. The game bagged includes gazelles, boars, kudus, leopards, wild hens and doves.

## Daring Flight

**IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.**—Lt. Col. Frank L. Dunn, of the American Air Corps, on a mission to locate an Italian cruiser in Cagliari harbor, found weather conditions against high altitude photography, so he joined a number of Axis planes that were circling to land at the Italian base port, got his photographs and got away before either pilots or anti-aircraft gunners noticed that he was flying an American plane. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

## Jap Prison Camps

**LONDON.**—War Secretary Grigg told the British House of Commons that a report from a Red Cross representative who had visited six prisoner of war camps near Osaka and seven near Fukoka, in Japan, indicated that the Japanese had a "correct attitude toward prisoners, that the camps were clean and tidy, that each camp had a prisoner-doctor, with Japanese doctors also visiting the prisoners, that men were employed at various types of work for which they were paid, and that officers received pay according to corresponding rank in the Japanese army."

## Some Zoo

**IN THE CARIBBEAN.**—A year ago the suggestion was made by Col. Guy F. Hlz, that three monkeys and two snakes be quartered permanently as pets at any Army Air Forces base. Today there are 60 different species of birds and animals and 28 kinds of snakes at the base. Among the pets are a family of ocelots, black panthers, a peacock, and even a turkey vulture.

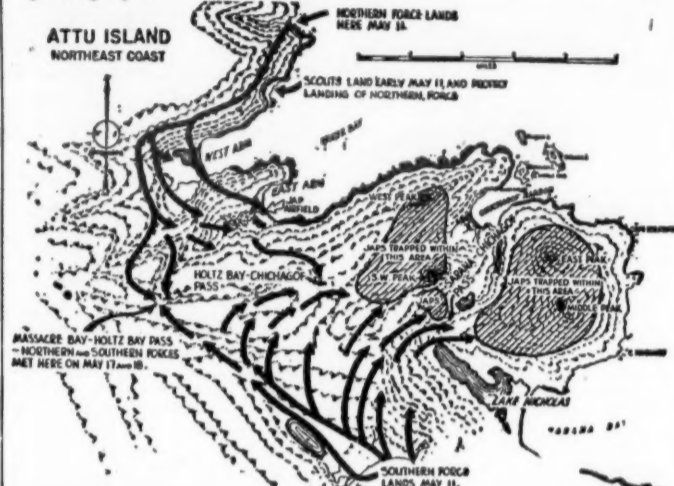
## Surgical Task Forces

**SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA.**—Surgical task forces, an innovation of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, were used with outstanding success in the Papuan campaign. The task



SCOUTS LAND HERE

**THIS BLEAK COAST** is what confronted our task force landing on Attu Island in the Aleutians on May 11. This is Holtz Bay. Scouts were landed on the ridge to the right. They screened the main landing which was made on a beach beyond the right limit of the photograph.



**MAP OF ATTU ISLAND** on which the landings of the northern and southern forces are indicated; also the route by which these two forces joined together to sweep the Japs toward the sea. This is the first step in cleaning the Japs out of the Aleutians and eventually using the islands as a stepping stone to Japan itself.

AAF Photos

forces were portable hospitals, manned with a few officers, all specialists, and specially-trained enlisted men. Moving up with the troops, always within firing range, and frequently bombed, these units did magnificent work, often doing operations while kneeling in the trenches.

## South Pacific Heat

**SOLOMON ISLANDS.**—One of the greatest difficulties the American soldiers have to contend with here is the enervating heat which lies like a blanket over the whole area and makes any physical effort a mental struggle. The only relief

comes with the squalls which give coolness so long as the rain falls. When the rain stops and the sun comes out both land and sea steam like a hot towel, so that a man feels as if he were having a continuous Turkish bath. The main consolation for the American troops is that the Japs do not like the heat and cannot stand it any better than they can.

## Unusual Landing

**IN NORTHWEST AFRICA.**—When the pilot of an American Havoc plane was killed by bullets from an enemy Fock-Wulf, after one of the motors had been shot out by anti-aircraft fire, Sgt. H. T. Aide was tossed from the top turret and out of the bomb bay, as the plane went into a spin. He pulled the ripcord of his chute and landed safely. He said he could not have bailed out in the usual way before the plane crashed.

## Soldiers Undaunted

**FORT DEVENS, Mass.**—Ten carloads of wounded veterans of the North African campaign, from the First Armored Division, arrived here last week, only a few weeks after they were struck down in battle. While most of them were seriously wounded the American sense of humor was strongly in evidence. Cartoons and autographs had been scribbled on casts and splints guarding broken bones and conversation centered around thick steaks, cokes and coffee that they expected now they were in the United States.

## GI Lingo

# Yanks, British Trade Slang

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.**—The mingling of United States and British soldiers, together with the contacts with the Arabs and other natives here, is bringing about many changes in both the American language and the King's English.

For instance, while the soldiers of the two armies have made an unofficial swap of "trucks" for "lorries," and "petrol" for "gas," as

Prime Minister Churchill noted in his Washington speech last week, agreement has not yet been reached as to whether it is windscreen or windshield, airscrew or propeller, engine driver or locomotive engineer. It usually depends on which nationality is in the majority in any particular sector. Any Yank working with a group of Tommies picks up their terminology, and vice versa.

American Air Force commanders still persist in the P-40's, B-17's and B-26's, but when their men mix with the RAF, they soon use Kitty's, Forts, Lightnings and others.

The British insist on "good show," meaning a fine achievement, and "gen," in American, the real dope. A "beat-up" can be anything from a wild party to a low level raid. Their "to prang," meaning to crash, is matched in vividness by the American "to spln in," or "to augur in."

A "gaggle" to the British is any-

thing from a flock of Fock-wulf 190s to a collection of generals who demand plenty of spit and polish at inspections.

Regarding place names the Americans seem content to use titles from French military maps. But the British want to rename the scenes of their battles. Thus they have Banana Ridge, Long Stop, Grenadier Hill and the Bou, all of them merely high ground like the scene of the American success at Hill 609.

The one word which has caught on with everyone is the American jeep. The British call the German Volkswagens "Jerry Jeeps."

From the Arabian come words like "Inshi," meaning beat it, and "back-shi," meaning something you get for nothing. "Salda" is hello.

A "wad," as most everyone knows, is usually just a gulch. But in Tunisia it may also be a "qued," pronounced "wed," and may be a running river or a dry stream bed.



**U. S. GENERALS** in the field live and fight right along with their troops, and like his men, Maj. Gen. Horace H. Fuller, commander of the 41st Division in New Guinea, prefers a jeep.



**TO SOOTHE TIRED NERVES** the Army Air Forces have taken over homes in the countryside of England where flyers are sent for rests before strain makes them unfit for combat. Shown here is the lavish estate of an English country gentleman who now lives down the road in a trailer. The estate, dating to the 9th Century, now has luxurious bathrooms, central heating, deep-cushioned chairs and lounges, a butler, fishing rights in a stream not far off, bicycles, archery and almost anything else tired flyers would want.



**SCOTCH LASSIE PIPERS** serenade American soldiers at the Miramar Red Cross Club in England. The famous Dagenham Girl Pipers from Scotland gave a concert recently in one of the Red Cross clubs, and here Maj. Edith Turnbull is giving a lesson on the bagpipers to Pfc. Walter Wallaski. In the background looking on are Cpl. James Brabson and Sgt. Pinkney Lackey.

# What Canada Plans For Her Veterans

## Tentative Post-War Program Detailed By Committee Chairman

WASHINGTON. — American soldiers will be interested in the plan of the Canadian Government to deal with the problem of demobilization. This was outlined recently in an address by Gen. H. F. McDonald, chairman of the Canadian Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation at a conference of postwar adjustment of civilian and military personnel under the auspices of the National Planning Board.

"The Canadian Government," General McDonald said, "proceeded on the premise that three principles must govern a satisfactory adjustment plan. First, that the only satisfactory and permanent form of civil re-establishment was the provision of satisfactory, congenial and profitable employment of as permanent a character as possible.

"Secondly, that where any man's employability could be improved physically, mentally or technically, the widest possible facilities should be provided for him, both by medical treatment and by vocational training.

"Thirdly, that, beyond a proper provision to cover a brief period of transition from the service to civil life, financial payments should not be resorted to except in cases where employment is actually not available, or where the individual is striving to improve his degree of employability either by treatment or training."

The Canadian Plan  
The Canadian Government has al-

ready put into effect a 9-point program as pertaining to approximately 100,000 persons already dropped from the armed services. This includes the following measures:

1. Free hospital or medical treatment for any condition, whether service related or not, for a period of 12 months after discharge, to aid in physical rehabilitation.

2. Vocational training and guidance, with maintenance allowances during the training period.

3. A scheme of assisted land settlement and rural holdings.

4. Provision for completing the interrupted academic or professional education of young men.

5. The discharged man going into an insured employment under the national unemployment insurance system has been placed on a parity with his co-worker who accumulated benefits during the former's military service.

6. A rehabilitation grant has been made available covering the immediate transition period following discharge.

7. Out-of-work benefits for the unemployed.

8. Special training and vocational facilities for such special classes of casualties as blind, deaf or maimed.

9. Mandatory re-employment in their former positions for returned service people.



**BIGGEST EVENT** yet at the Red Cross blood donor center in Long Beach, Calif., was provided by Maj. Emercy C. (Tiny) Creager, of the Port of Embarkation. The 286-pound officer is here seen having his temperature and blood pressure taken by 86-pound Red Cross Nurse Ruth Davis before giving his blood.

## Army Rec Camp Is GI Heaven

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—The Army recreation camp here offers a real haven for men on furlough. Just six blocks from the sea, it

offers, in addition to swimming, boating and deep-sea fishing, tennis, golf and handball and the usual beach activities. Dances, stage and movie shows are held in the service club and two USOs hold dances at the nearby Miramar Hotel. Free tickets are available for radio broadcasts, shows, dance floors, skating rinks, and buses run from the camp to Hollywood with a 25c round trip.

The camp is practically free, since there is no charge for beds in heated tents, with accommodations for 1,000 men, for sheets, blankets, pillow cases and towels.

Food, soft drinks, cigarettes and candy may be purchased at the service club, the average cost for food running to \$1.25 per day. No formations or time schedules are required from visiting troops. In-

dividuals do not need to make reservations, but Maj. Robert J. Kennedy, commanding officer, asks three days' notice from groups or parties on recreational convoys.

### Corporal Commended For Ack-Ack Invention

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Cpl. Edwin Jahnel of a Stewart anti-aircraft unit has won the praise of his officers for a gadget he invented to facilitate the use of anti-aircraft guns.

Lt. Col. A. B. Barrett, his commanding officer, in a letter of "noteworthy performance and commendation," lauded Jahnel for the invention, stating that it is under consideration by the Ordnance Department in Washington.

### Butner Units Form Choirs To Compete in Contest

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Choirs from the various units here will sing at a contest on June 24 when their qualities as choristers will be judged.

Chaplain Lars G. C. Pederson, while "nosey-ing around" through the battalions here, found a number of talented vocalists. As a result each of the units has organized its own choir, and considerable rivalry is evidenced.

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF.—Crackdown of government officials last week on use of gasoline for pleasure driving by civilians brought to the front once again stringent regulations governing use of motor vehicles by personnel at Headquarters of the Army Ground Forces, commanded by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, and all training units of his command.

Assignment of automobiles for transportation of officers on official business has been kept to a minimum. Vehicles are not permitted to wait for officers on such missions over any extended period thus making cars available for other official business. Requests for use of cars are cleared through one officer who keeps a careful check on disposition of the vehicles.

Stricter car rationing was decreed for the Ground Forces units by General McNair some months ago. Tank units, Airborne Divisions, Tank Destroyer units, reconnaissance units and non-divisional Engineer units have been rationed to the extent that not more than one and a half gallons per day per vehicle has been used for a long period.

Long before civilian rationing went into effect, the Army was putting into effect conservation of gasoline and rubber. Such conservation measures were especially reflected in the training programs of the Ground Forces.

Meat substitutes were part of rations for enlisted men assigned to Headquarters of the Army Ground Forces recently in an experiment designed to ease meat shortages. Men pronounced the substitute food substance as tasty and it is expected that the plan will be given impetus as a result of the successful trial.

The noonday meal served in the Headquarters mess hall had as the main dish breaded choplets, consisting of wheat gluten, broth, yeast and vegetable flavoring. This was served along with the soup, vege-

tables and dessert which form part of the daily luncheon. At the evening meal the meat substitute was mock hamburger, similar in composition to the choplet.

Two promotions were announced at Headquarters this week. Capt. Alton D. Shaw was promoted to the rank of major and 2nd Lt. Berlin B. Bone to the rank of first lieutenant.

**TANK DESTROYER CENTER.**—Expansion of the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Tex., will be noted formally on Saturday, May 29, with the opening of North Camp Hood by Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, commanding general of the center, and other officers of his staff.

A review of troops, inspection of a typical battalion area and an inspection of tank destroyer weapons will be included in the program. Guests at the official opening of the new camp area will also be conducted on a tour of the camp, the training area and the firing ranges.

When the North African invasion came last November, the tank destroyer was a weapon yet to be tested by Ground Forces in actual combat. The weapons had been developed in the United States in less than two years. General Bruce, then a colonel, was placed in command of the new Tank Destroyer outfit when the Army decided to make large-scale use of such a unit. Training was carried on at Camp Hood under doctrine laid down by General McNair and carried out by General Bruce.

Soon after the African campaign opened, the Tank Destroyer proved to be of such potency in battle, having met and destroyed Germany's much-publicized Mark VI tank, that an expanded training program was authorized by the War Department.

The new North Camp Hood, created under that program, will be a basic unit training center. This will differ from the Replacement Train-

ing Center in that men ready for advanced training will be sent there from the Replacement Training Centers.

**ARMORED FORCE.**—At least 25 officers and 56 enlisted men of the Armored Force have been cited for heroism and achievement since the invasion of North Africa last November. The various awards which the Armored Force have earned during the North African campaign include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Soldiers Medal, the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. is the recipient of the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal. High ranking officers to whom the Silver Star has been awarded include Maj. Gen. Ernest Harmon and Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey. Capt. William H. Harrison, S/Sgt. Gordon R. Stephens and Pvt. George N. Thieson have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. In all, 21 officers and 39 enlisted men have been awarded the Silver Star. The Purple Heart, according to reports, has been awarded to one Armored Force officer, Capt. Lacy W. Hinely, and 13 enlisted men. One officer, Lt. Col. Charles G. Rau, and two enlisted men have been awarded the Soldiers Medal.

Col. Tristram Tupper, former chief of public relations, Armored Force Headquarters, has been appointed public relations officer in charge of American war news in the European area. Colonel Tupper accompanied Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers to London when the general assumed command of the American troops in the European theater.

Lt. Col. Louis H. Bell, for the past two years adjutant of the Armored Force Replacement Training Center, has been transferred to Camp Cooke, Calif. He has been succeeded by Maj. Ralph O. Fullerton.

## Benning Briefs

FORT BENNING, Ga.—All not proceeds from post theaters taken in Thursday will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund. After all expenses are deducted, the teachers are expected to raise between \$700 and \$900 for the fund. The move was made with War Department approval on request of Brig. Gen. W. S. Fulton, post commander.

Screen Actress Brenda Joyce, after three tiring weeks of entertaining soldiers in Army camps, came to Fort Benning last week for a rest and visit with her husband, 1st Lt. Owen Ward of the First Student Training Regiment—but the visit turned out to be a busman's holiday. There was scarcely a day that Miss Joyce did not appear at some function or another, including an appearance on the Post's radio program, and entertainment at the station hospital.

Tenth Armored Division MP's patrolling Cusseta highway were aghast last week to see a little peep flying along at 70 miles per hour—twice the speed limit—and promptly set out in pursuit. After overtaking the driver, Lt. Lawrence McKenzie of the Second Student Training Regiment, the MP's decided circumstances were not normal, and escorted the lieutenant into nearby Columbus. The reason? Mrs. McKenzie gave birth to twins at a Columbus hospital.

## Fort Sillables

FORT SILL, Okla.—An engagingly dizzy duo of sailors from the Naval Base at Norman, Okla., invaded the replacement center this week to steal a talent show which was intended primarily to be taken over by a group of local high school and college girls.

One of the tantalizing tars, Jerry Keith, tore off an exhibition of dancing and contortion that brought the house down while Haven Fish, song leader, promoted some plain and fancy community singing.

### FILM AND FLASH FANS

Amateur photography fans were hailing with joy this week the organization of a camera club by the replacement center special service office.

Under the guidance of Sgt. Johnny Melton, staff photographer for the Recorder, camp newspaper, the shutter bugs will have demonstrations and lectures on what goes on with photography, plus actual darkroom experience.

### HEAVEN HELP THE CLASSICS

Accompanied by several thousand chuckles, murder was committed in the replacement center Tuesday night as a queer quintet called the "Hungry Five" showed up at the weekly band concert to beat the brains out of the "William Tell Overture" and several other pieces of music by the masters.

Composed of members of the band, the Hungry Five blew discords, scraped raspy rhythm and stood up to shake hands with each other when they managed to finish a number together. Not very often was the latter.

### Servicemen Won't Get Ration Book 3 until Later

WASHINGTON—Ration Book No. 3 will not be issued to members of the armed forces stationed in United States until it is put into use, according to Paul M. O'Leary, OPA deputy administrator in charge of rationing.

Mr. O'Leary said it is anticipated that many servicemen now in United States "will be stationed elsewhere when the book is needed to buy rationed commodities" and "it seems simpler to postpone issuance of the book to this group until the date of its use has been determined."

### Mike Slipped

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Mike, the mongrel mascot of the Camp Butner police patrol section, was promoted to private first class this week. He was so overjoyed that immediately after the stripe was sewed on he hopped for his usual rear seat on the patrol motorcycle, and slipped for the first time in his military career.

Mike was walking last week, but his tail was too sore to waggle behind him.

### Camp Grant Bond Show Pokes Fun at WAACs, GIs

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—The camp's new bond show, "We're Tellin' You," presented by soldiers and WAACs, made a hit in the Coronado theater at Rockford, Ill., last week.

The show, written and directed by Sgt. McElroy Wilkes, a former Broadway playwright and producer, with music by Cpl. Karl McGuire, was built around a draft dodger who was induced to join the Army by a group of pretty WAACs.

After donning the uniform the recruit changed his mind and was seeking a wife with a ready-made family so that he might claim dependents to get him out of the Army. He succeeded in marrying a grandmother only to learn that, since she was a WAAC, Uncle Sam will take care of their dependents as well as them, so that he is not eligible for discharge.

## Grant Tunsmiths Write Marching Infantry Song

By Cpl. Samuel L. Schor  
CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Three Camp Grant tunesmiths collaborated on a marching song for the Army Infantry which has been submitted for official consideration by the Special Service Branch of the War Department at Washington, D. C.

## Sergeant Picks Average EM

FORT BUTNER, N. C.—The "average" Lightning Division soldier has been sized up in statistics compiled by Sgt. Charles Clowers, under the direction of Lt. Joseph A. Boyle, division classification officer.

The "average" soldier is 23 years old, has been educated to the third year of high school, his score on the Army's general classification places him in group 3, the middle of five classification groups.

In Group I "Intelligence" bracket there are 4.57 per cent of the enlisted personnel. They scored 130 or better in their classification tests. In Group II bracket there are 29.05 per cent, with averages between 110 and 130. These two groups are the brackets which qualify a man to be considered for officers' candidate schools.

When the averages had been struck Pvt. Harry Brennecke made a large chart showing the "average" soldier in fatigue uniform with helmet, belt and leggings. With the average figures painted next to the figure, the chart was placed in the Division Classification Office.

## He Didn't Leave Camp for 6 Months

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—When T/S Richard L. Herzog went on his first furlough this week, he went out of Camp Crowder for the first time in six months.

His trip to his home in Cincinnati for 14 days was his first off the post since he came here last Nov. 17 from reception center at Fort Thomas, Ky.

He never has seen the surrounding communities of Neosho, Carthage and Joplin, Mo., nor been to Kansas City or Tulsa. He'd spent his week-ends in the barracks, dayroom, post exchange and theaters, with rare visits to service clubs.

"I get a big kick out of reading and going to shows," he said. "I just don't need anything outside of camp."

## Military Review Published Monthly

WASHINGTON—The Command and General Staff School "Military Review," for many years a quarterly, has been recently changed to a monthly magazine.

The "Military Review" is a professional military publication devoted to all branches of the service. It carries articles by outstanding military authorities and by instructors at the Command and General Staff School reflecting the latest trends in American military thought.

In addition, the military literature in friendly, enemy, and neutral countries is thoroughly combed for all interesting material and the most important foreign material is published in whole or in digest form. All this makes the "Military Review" an outstanding guide to modern military tendencies the world over.

Subscription is three dollars (\$3.00) a year for twelve monthly issues and is payable in advance to Book Department, Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

## Trip for Parents Is Letter Writing Prize

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—The Cycle, camp paper, and the IRTC Special Service Office have arranged a letter-writing contest for Father's Day, June 20.

The idea is to write a letter to dad, or a poem. These must be submitted by June 5. They will be judged by a board and an all-expense trip to the camp from their home and back will be given the father and mother of the winning contestant.

## San Luis Obispo Units Claim Shooting Records

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—Some notable records in marksmanship were made here by the 1st Infantry during recent record firing.

For instance, 99.9 per cent qualified with the rifle (M1) with 46.6 per cent qualifying as expert, 37.9 qualifying as sharpshooter, and 20.4 qualifying as marksman.

Called "The United States Army Infantry Song," the march was written by Capt. Cyril J. Ballam, special service officer of the Recruit Reception Center; Pvt. Milton Schwartz, composer of two other tunes while a student at Northwestern University, and Pvt. Moritz W. Rose, a radio actor, who played the role of "Chuck Ramsey" on the "Captain Midnight" program on the networks.

The composers said they wrote the song after they heard a request for such a march from Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, of the U. S. Army. The words are as follows:

Follow me, I'm in the Infantry  
And I'm marching with a pack on my back.  
I don't need a plane or tank  
And I've got my feet to thank  
I'm proud of my crew, my cord of blue  
For I'm a fightin' Yank.

Load the gun, We're going to have some fun  
While we're shootin' up the enemy.  
So from out of the mire, Call ready, aim, fire,  
That's the song of the Infantry.

Already featured on several programs at the RRC, the march has been completely orchestrated and is expected to be aired soon over the networks. It has two other stanzas which go like this:

Take the lead and let it be the creed  
To attack with all the coldness of steel  
Hit the ground and line your sight  
Squeeze the trigger—do it right  
We'll make 'em retreat, admit defeat  
For that's the way we fight.

Watch us go, we're putting on a show  
And there's going to be a victory  
When the battle is won, we've only begun  
That's the song of the Infantry.

Give them hell—until the final bell  
Keep them running as we charge thru their lines.  
Give them lead, grenade and steel,  
Let them know the way we feel  
They haven't a chance, when we advance  
We're men of mighty zeal.

Beat them all and watch the tyrants fall  
And we'll save the light of liberty.  
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## Wolters Route Step

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—Nearing its goal of \$20,000,000, the Camp Wolters War Bond and Insurance office has sold to personnel of this Infantry replacement training center, an additional 14 million dollars' worth of National Service Life Insurance in its campaign to have every man in camp insured to the hilt.

Capt. Francis S. Rockey, a company commander here, got a belated Christmas present the other day. It was a package postmarked October, 1942, and had been mailed from somewhere in the southwest Pacific. (Captain Rockey was with the first American Army troops to relieve the Marines on Guadalcanal.) The brightly colored sticker on the package read "Do not open until December 25."

Even the patients and nurses take a hand in cultivating the Station Hospital's three Victory Gardens. With the hospital's entire personnel behind the project, tomatoes, melons and every vegetable in the book are being grown in the hospital area.

## GALS TURNOUT

Two years ago, 30 Fort Worth lovelies climbed into 10 jeeps and started for Camp Wolters to attend a dance at the Service Club. Now, nearly 100 of the glamorous gals climb into two buses every Friday night, and make the 46-mile trek to camp to make their contribution to soldier morale.

Pvt. Heinrich H. Arnold, trainee in a rifle battalion, here, has spent more time in the solitary confinement of Nazi concentration camps than the average Wolters soldier has in uniform of Uncle Sam's Army. After three years of alternately being yanked in and out of prison by the Germans, Arnold finally escaped from Norway to Sweden where he boarded a steamer for Cuba, eventually reaching this country. He was a student at the University of California at Los Angeles when the U. S. Army beckoned in February. When his training is completed here, he hopes to get a crack at interpreters' service.

Final returns boosted Camp Wolters' contribution to the Red Cross war fund campaign another \$1,000-plus, bringing the total figure to \$17,263.67, according to an announcement by Chris O'Connor, Red Cross field director here.

## Rucker's First Musical To Be 'Sweet and Hot'

IN THE theatrically-historic City Hall auditorium of Dothan, Ala., orchestra and chorus pound out their dance rehearsals for "Sweet, Hot and Khaki," Camp Rucker's musical revue. Featuring an Army cast of more than 200 plus 30 lovely Alabama girls, the show will give free performances in the camp on May 31 and June 1. Lt. Col. Helge G. Ekedahl, chief of Special Service, is in charge of production.

CAMP RUCKER, Ala.—It's "sweet" for the girls!

It's "hot" for the music!

It's "khaki" for the soldiers!

"Sweet, Hot, and Khaki," Camp Rucker's first musical revue, presented under the direction of Lt. Col. Helge G. Ekedahl, chief of special service, will give two performances at Camp Rucker on May 31 and June 1.

Featuring a cast of over 200, including 30 girls and a theater or-

chestra of 20 former professional musicians, the production will emphasize feminine beauty, rapid-fire fun, music, and audience participation.

Variety of the evening will include a machine-gun crew, Conga line, blackout sketches, the 70 scarlet-clad members of the Dothan High School Band and their Majorettes, a Russian Gypsy String Ensemble, and massed colors of the United Nations.

Much credit for the progress of "Sweet, Hot, and Khaki" must be given to the Dothan Exchange Club, a civic group which is giving freely in time and effort to make the show a success. Proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Fund but all men of the armed forces will be admitted free.

The soldier cast includes many former professional musicians and theater-men. Among those active on the technical staff of the production are PFC Tom Caruso, Quartermaster Detachment, in charge of music; Pvt. Carl A. Low, 397th Combat Engineers, director of sketches; Cpl. Walter A. Behnke, 132nd Station Hospital, scenery design; Pvt. Willie Williams, Headquarters Detachment, scenery construction; S/Sgt. Clyde B. Luckado, Headquarters Detachment, lighting; Pvt. Ira Brodski, Headquarters Detachment, technical director; Cpl. Raymond Meyerhoff, 314th Station Hospital, concertmaster; and Pvt. Anthon C. Messinger, Headquarters Detachment, assistant to the Special Service Officer.

Outstanding service is being rendered by Mrs. Max C. Batson, who is in charge of dance routines and costuming of the chorus. Mrs. Batson, wife of a Napier Field lieutenant, will also do a solo dance number in the show.

## Another Radio Show Set By War Department

WASHINGTON—A new radio program, entitled "Enough—and on Time," will be presented over the Blue Network tonight (Saturday, May 29), and each Saturday evening thereafter, from 7:30 to 8 p.m., E. W. T., the War Department announced.

The program, designed to convey to radio listeners the urgent importance of an adequate flow of materials to our fighting forces, will demonstrate how closely and effectively America's soldiers and civilian workers are combining their efforts toward the common goal of victory.

Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, will speak at the opening program. A weekly feature of "Enough—and on Time" will be dramatizations and music, the latter under the direction of Capt. Harry Salter of the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. Lt. Col. William Slater will be narrator.

## General Valdes

## Aims to Lead Filipinos Back

By John Fay

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—To lead Filipino troops back into a homeland recaptured from the Japs is the desire of Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine army and a visitor with the 69th Division cadre at Camp Shelby last week.

Now assisting in the organization of a Philippine contingent of the United States Army, the graying but handsome general sat in the 69th Division headquarters and told quietly of his belief in ultimate victory in the Philippines and his escape in darkness from embattled Corregidor.

"I am confident that we will drive

the Japanese from the Philippines in the future and make them wish they had never taken the islands," he declared.

Speaking with only a slight accent, General Valdes described how he, with President Manuel Quezon, his family and cabinet, left Corregidor in a submarine on February 20, 1942, under cover of darkness. Leaving on a local steamboat to the Island south of Luzon, the party traveled on a local steamboat to the Island

of Negros where they ran into plenty of trouble from the Jap navy. "The Japs sent a cruiser and three destroyers to patrol around the Island until they found our boat," General Valdes related. "Then they shelled the town and docks and finally sent in a landing party which towed our ship away, leaving us marooned with but one hope of escape."

That hope came through in the form of a PT boat commanded by the famous Lieutenant Commander Bulkeley. It took us off and to Mindanao on March 20 and from there we flew—again at night—in a B-17 to Australia.

Asked whether among all the Philippine population there were not some "Quislings," the general said that the Filipinos were "99 or more per cent" loyal to the Americans, but that if any were disloyal they were supporters of Ramos, a discontented former Senate employee who stayed for some time in Japan and was arrested, tried, and jailed on his return.

The general related how in 1935 when he was chief of the constabulary he had put down a revolt of the Sakdal, the group headed by Ramos, after that party had taken a town.

"If there were any Quislings they were not more loyal to Japan than to the United States but were purely trying to get control of the government for themselves," the Philippine general explained.

He expressed his approval of the military facilities he saw at Shelby and said, "I would say that the men at Camp Shelby are lucky to have such a place to train."

A physician as well as a general, General Valdes served in France during World War I, first with the French forces and then with American troops.

He is at present making his headquarters in Washington with President Quezon in whose cabinet he is secretary of national defense.



Maj. Gen. Valdes





**YOU CAN'T GET THE M.P.'S GOAT** at Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, near Greenville, Pa., because they guard their mascot zealously. He helps soldiers to police the grounds by eating cigarette butts—in fact, he prefers them to carrots. Whimpy, mascot of the Military Police at Pennsylvania's largest Army camp, was recently promoted to private first class by Capt. Charles F. Betyman, detachment commander.

## Co. Puts All Limited Service Men in Platoon

**CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.**—A special platoon offering suitable training for limited service men is now functioning smoothly in Co. C, 57th Sn. MRTC, according to Lt. Howard Gaiser, MAC, who is in charge of the group.

Lieutenant Gaiser, a former science teacher, explained the operation of the platoon. "We take all men in the battalion with physical handicaps of any sort and place them in the First Platoon, which has been set aside for the training of limited service men. Some are suffering from the aftermath of various injuries, deformed joints, and others are convalescents who are unable to take the regular training. Under this plan we try to make the man fit the man, rather than the man fit the army. We emphasize the things a man can do and minimize the training a man cannot do."

Men who are unable to go on hikes are given special conditioning exercises, Lieutenant Gaiser said, including work on a horizontal ladder in the area. Although some of the men are unable to drill, they are all taught how to drill, so that they at least know the way it should be done, and they receive more lectures than the regular trainees.

"You would be surprised how those men have taken to the special training," Lieutenant Gaiser said. "Most of them are very conscientious workers, anxious to overcome their handicaps. There are no men sitting around the area, even though they are on limited service."

The system was worked out by Capt. James C. Harris, MC, battalion training officer, under the supervision of Maj. William M. Tubbs, MC, battalion commander.

## Trainees Walk 168 Miles in 4 Weeks

**CAMP EDISON, N. J.**—Basic Corps soldiers cover 168 miles during their four weeks of basic training.

This figure is based on a test conducted at the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center at Camp Edison. The test was performed by having a basic Signal Corps soldier carry a pedometer during the first four weeks of his training.

During the test period it was found that basics walk an average of 4.34 miles a day during the first week, six miles the second week, and 6.6, the third week. In the fourth week mileage jumped to 11.12 miles a day. It is during this week, it was pointed out, that basic trainees go into combat training in the field.

On the final day, it was found that the men worked up to a grand climax of 20 miles.

## Service Women Told Jobs Will Await Them

**CHICAGO**—Business firms and industries throughout this area are announcing a guarantee of reemployment and cash bonuses for women who enlist in the WAACS, WAVES, SPARS or Marines, according to Rush Butler, a volunteer member of the Army Council.

A letter sent to all corporations in the Chicago district, signed by Maj. Henry S. Aurand, commanding general of the Service Command, Capt. E. S. Root, director of naval officer procurement for the Ninth Naval district and Capt. Paul B. Rickard, officer in charge of Marine Corps procurement, requested publication of a definite policy for women entering the services, identical with those for men. The response from many firms was immediate.

## Our Allies

# British 'Orientation Lectures' Give Men Chance to Talk It Over

**LONDON**—The British War Office has a new system of keeping its soldiers in touch with current affairs which, begun as an experiment but eighteen months ago, has worked out so well it seems worth while passing on.

It had been learned by sample investigation that a large part of the British Army was getting out of touch with the news. The Home forces in Britain are often stationed in remote camps where newspapers are rare. Again, newspaper rationing and distribution difficulties increased the likelihood that soldiers missed the news they should have. Hence A. B. C. A.—the Army Bureau of Current Affairs—was organized.

### Current Affairs Ration

The first function was to insure that the Army got a basic ration, so to speak, of current affairs. Hence there was included in the weekly Army timetable a period in which the platoon commander was directed, not only to present his men with the facts on some current theme, but also to secure as fruitful a discussion of the subject as he could contrive.

The officer was given weekly an authoritative brief on the selected subject. These bulletins were compiled, not by Army officers, but by men and women of national repute in various subjects. On this basis the British Army conducts weekly discussions on such themes as War Production, the food situation, the U. S. A., Social Russia, India, Women in War, Japanese Psychology, Know Your Enemy, Rumor.

It was felt, as a matter of morale, that it would be a good thing for the soldier who spends much of his time obeying orders, if he discovered occasions in the Army when he could talk back. So the officers in charge of the discussions are urged to "Take the chair, but not the floor." The best discussions are said to have developed when all minds are groping together under the leadership of someone who provides the layout and allows the men to go ahead in their thinking and speaking with as little direction as possible.

### Week End Schools

To train the officers for group leadership hundreds of weekend schools have been held, some run by the Army Education Corps, some by the universities and other adult education bodies at which the younger officers are taught the tricks of debating, how to steer a discussion, how to sum up, how to ventilate an overheated argument. In many places the platoon commanders meet once a week, under the guidance of

the best informed of their number, to sketch outlines of approach to the current topic and to pool ideas for making the best of it. NCOs as well as officers have been trained as group leaders.

Other educational factors have been used by A. B. C. A. Hundreds of photographic exhibitions have been circulated in canteens, quiet-rooms and barracks, where they leave a message on brains too tired to listen to any more mere words. Wall newspapers are used on a large scale. Current affairs rooms have been established in some of the larger camps, equipped with maps, charts, newspapers and periodicals and reference books.

### Innovations

A recent innovation has been the

production, twice monthly, of a double-sided A. B. C. A. map review which offers a graphic synopsis of the progress of the war and of important developments on the Home front.

Steps are now being taken to dramatize A.B.C.A. by the production of simple, fool-proof playlets which the men of the Army can stage with a minimum of rehearsal and properties, and which will stimulate discussion of the suggested themes.

There is also a post-war idea behind A.B.C.A. It is hoped that the habit of discussion which the system is trying to cultivate will work out to save Britain from some of the scenes and calamities which disfigured demobilization after the last war.

## Blinking Signals Made To Look Like Real Thing

**FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.**—The trend from the purely technical to visual and realistic methods of training has been illustrated in one department of the Signal Corps school here.

Until recently primary instruction in "blinker" light communication for a long time has been subordinated to fundamental practice at the telegraph sounder.

Some time ago, Brig. Gen. W. O. Reeder, commandant of the Eastern Signal Corps Schools, in suggesting better methods of training, said: "Don't leave it all to the student's imagination. Dramatize it. Give it life."

With this inspiration Capt. Reuben Armovitz, assistant officer in charge, Radio Division, Enlisted Schools, made a change in the blinker light system, setting up his lights independently. Then, to accomplish realism a landscape painting was made to hang on the class room wall, in which, at the horizon, a keyed neon light bulb was inserted. Neon was used because gas-filled bulbs will follow keying vibrations with much more immediate response than the filament type. The new plan made it possible for students to qualify at higher speeds and in fewer hours, than under the old system.

The new "landscape" system was installed at Camp Crowder and as well at other Signal Corps schools.

The first installation was bi-dimensional and its flat surface gave

no idea of depth and perspective. So, on a suggestion from Captain Abramowitz and with help from the Officers Candidate School drafting and visual aids department, an improvement was designed which shows a landscape in tri-dimensional reproduction of geographical contours, foliage, vehicles, human figures and a plane. Simulated blinker lights were set on a hilltop, in the foreground and in the plane.

## Los Angeles C. of C. Gives Filipino Bolos

**CAMP COOKE, Calif.**—The Filipino soldiers and officers in the camp here will shortly be equipped with bolos, specially made for them in United States on the order of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

When it was known that the Filipinos desired their native weapon, a model was submitted to the War Department, and on its approval, \$22,500 was raised and a special order given for their manufacture.

In peace-time the bolo is used mainly for cutting through underbrush. As a weapon the Filipino prefers it to a bayonet.

## Congressman Suggests Grid Race for Forces

**WASHINGTON**—Representative Monroney, Oklahoma, has proposed a national service teams' football championship for the 1943 season.

There would be approximately 200 teams available for eliminations, based on a regional arrangement, with the regional winners going into the final rounds during November, he said.

## You Can't Fool 'Em All, They Found

**NORTH CAMP POLK, La.**—You might fool some soldiers but stay away from the 8th Armored Division's MPs.

This is the lesson learned by T/Sgt. James A. Kenton and Michael A. Gessner of the Thundering Herd's G-3 section when they toured Camp Polk attired in the uniforms of a German infantry first lieutenant and a private, respectively.

The scheme of dressing soldiers in enemy uniforms and touring North Polk is a new one, designed to acquaint soldiers with the appearance of their enemies. Uniforms are borrowed by units and soldiers masquerading as Nazis appear suddenly on the range, in bivouac and on road marches to startle the daylighters out of trainees and make them alert to the appearance of Germans.

Driving blithely past the service club in North Polk, with Sergeant Gessner, alias Private Schmalz, at the wheel of a jeep, they were spotted by sharp-eyed Private Walsin Fox of the division military police platoon.

"He stopped us at the point of his revolver," reported Sergeant Gessner. "He was quite serious. He asked us for identification and we showed him everything we had in the way of passes. He put the two of us in the front seat of the jeep while he got in back with his gun out of the holster and took us to see Lieutenant Burger" (Lt. Will Burger, commanding the MP platoon).

After being vouched for by the lieutenant they were released by Private Fox to return the vehicle. "Private Fox told us that he had

seen us when we passed the post exchange and noticed the uniform was German."

## They're in the Army Now



The guy who used to be a landscape gardener.  
Cpl. Pat Murphy, Camp Livingston, La.

## Aerial Hitchhikers Are Foretaste of the Future

**STOUT FIELD, Ind.**—Stout Field believes it is holding a preview of things to come since the headquarters of the First Troop Carrier Command has become the air hitchhiking hub of the country.

Right now, only soldiers, sailors, WAVES, WAACS or other persons wearing the official uniform of the U. S. military forces can take advantage of the service. But, after the war when helicopters stop and pick up neighbors on their way to work they will be experienced hands at thumbing the aerial streets.

Maj. Edward J. Walz, a veteran of 2,500 hours, is the chief of operations at Stout Field. He said that every day the benches at the office are filled with men and women seeking

free aerial transportation.

"Not a day passes but that we have some aerial hitchhikers," he said. "Some days we have as many as 75 going to all sections of the country."

He explained that anybody in military service is allowed to pick up a free ride if he is on pass, furlough or leave. He fills out a form and shows his pass or furlough papers.

There is one expense involved, however. The hitch-hiker must agree to return, prepaid, the parachute issued to him. Maj. Walz said there hasn't been a loss yet.

**BLOCK-BUSTER** bombs shatter into more than 6,000 fragments, many of which spray for 7,000 feet.

# What to Say If Captured

(The following article was written by a staff member of the African edition of Stars and Stripes. It gathers together the lessons of the African war and tells you what to do if captured.)

SOMEWHERE NEAR THE TUNISIAN FRONT—Of all the words in any language, there are three or four words making up a phrase that military interrogators dread to hear from any prisoner when he is being questioned. In German, it's "Es tut mir leid." In Italian, it's "Molte scuse." In good old American, it's simply: "I'm sorry."

It's the answer perfect to any and all questions by an enemy interrogator should you be captured, according to American officers at the front who do nothing but interview prisoners day in and day out.

The experience they have gleaned from their job of trying to trip military information from Italians and Germans works in reverse, too. The technique used by German and Italian interrogators. If there are any of the latter, isn't much different from that used by the Americans.

**Name, Rank, Serial Number**  
Back in training camps, most soldiers were shown a British film called "Name, Rank and Serial Number." That's all the information any prisoner of war can be forced to give, under the Geneva rules for the handling of prisoners. But there are any number of ways to circumvent the rules, if the interrogator uses good psychology. And most of them do. So here are a few warning hints from one front line interrogator.

Always be polite and military. If you have one weapon with which to disarm the interrogator, it's politeness. If you are captured and taken before a superior enemy officer, salute him, no matter how much it makes you squirm. Stand at attention until you are told to sit down, and don't open your mouth until you are forced to—out of natural courtesy. If possible use "Sir"

or the enemy interrogator's rank, when you answer, "I'm sorry."

**I'm Sorry, Sir!**  
Here's a trick question many German interrogators will use to get you out of repeating that exasperating "I'm sorry, sir." They'll ask: "Do you think Americans can beat the Germans?" And any number of confident American soldiers come back with "Of course we can." The follow-up on that one is "Why?" And if you've gone that far, the natural human urge is to justify yourself. If you do slip on that one, there's only one way out. You just go back to the old, familiar, "I'm sorry, sir."

If you begin to feel like a dummy, don't even try to vary the reply by saying "I can't answer that," because you are giving the interrogator a perfect opening and he'll pounce. He'll come back with "You mean you can't or won't answer?" which throws the question right back in your lap. Don't get sucked in on that one.

Germans frequently hint of threatening happenings to you if you persist in your "I'm sorry, sir," but they won't carry the threats out because they are afraid of retaliation by the Americans on German prisoners. Espionage on prisoners works both ways, too.

**Don't Show Off**  
Don't try to show off, either, because the interrogators wouldn't be doing what they are if they weren't some of the brainiest men in the army. It's usually the better educated soldier who tries to display his intelligence, or show that he's a little above the average soldier. But in this case, he's dumber than the lowest private type, because interrogators enjoy breaking the intelligent soldier down.

One of the stunts they most frequently use to get a soldier to talk is to question him about his profession before he entered the army. That's one you want to duck too. Once you start talking, no matter how much you think you can stop, you can't. It's like one link of a chain breaking and weakening the whole chain. It will be that much harder for you to refuse to answer the next question.

As a last bit of advice, if you should be the one to take any prisoners, don't take a "souvenir" from them to display to your pals or the folks back home. The interrogators want all papers, documents and other personal possessions of captured prisoners, because they frequently give leads or information of military value.

Which brings up the old problem of carrying letters, pictures, and other personal possessions in your bilfold. Most soldiers still haven't learned the one cardinal rule of fighting at the front. That is—Never carry papers or letters or pictures with you into battle. Expert interrogators can deduct more than you think from them and frequently such articles give them important leads on where and how to begin breaking the prisoner down.

## Short Moniker Ng—That's His Name

Cpl. Len Janklow  
FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Time and again we have heard long stories about short names.

It is reported that Pvt. Antonio Handjianastassiou of Camp Roberts, Calif., is the proud possessor of the longest name ever to be entered on the payroll at that post.

Technician John S. Cmierniewicz, stationed at the Army airfield, Pampa, Texas, was much worried because his name was so hard to pronounce. Technician C-etc. received a note from Troy, N. Y. The note said, "Cheer up, soldier." It was signed by Miss Annabella Romisderwiczowicz.

All of this brings us to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg. First Sergeant Harwell of C-10-4 comes up with a lulu of monicker. This is one of the shortest names on file in Fort Bragg. Private Ng is the trainee's name, nothing more, nothing less, Just Ng. First name—Kin, middle name—Doo, last name—Ng. Pvt. Kin Doo Ng is Chinese and before induction operated a hand laundry in New York City.

Private Ng, unlike many others who are nicknamed by the first syllable of their last names, has had his lengthened. The men in the barracks call him Kindoong.

## On Time

WASHINGTON.—The clerk in the USO lounge at the Union Station here found a note on the desk log: "Wake up soldier on blue sofa by baggage rack."

She located the soldier with a tag tied to his blouse which read: "Wake me up at 11:30." So the soldier made his train.

## Company Blacksheep Must Sleep Outside

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Men who have broken company rules must, under a new ruling in the 157th Infantry here, sleep and eat in the company street away from their buddies.

At each mess call the delinquents get their food at the mess hall and eat outside. And each night around bedtime the tents go up and "Markudville," named after Capt. Leo Markrud, Company CO, comes alive.

CAMP MACKALL, N. C., is named after a private, John T. Mackall, who was killed in action.

# Trainee May Be Gassed Anytime

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Realistic gas warfare training is now the vogue at Camp Stewart.

Col. Kenyon P. Flagg, AATC director of training, said that the

## Acorn Antics

CAMP MCCAIN, Miss.—The feminine might of Uncle Sam's Armed Forces took over Camp McCain, home of the "Baby" Division, during the past week.

The WAACs, 200 strong, arrived in camp, eager to take over their duties at post Headquarters, and immediately parties and dances began to appear on the Division schedule.

Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson's soldiers of the "Acorn" Division have subscribed to nearly \$150,000,000 in Government insurance under the National Service Life Insurance program, according to Capt. Emory W. Coffield, Division insurance officer.

Reports show that 94.6 per cent of the entire Division personnel carry a government policy, and 83 per cent have the maximum of \$10,000. The average policy is for \$8782. The insurance without a physical examination is being continued by the War Department until Aug. 12 of this year in order to insure every member of the Armed Forces for the full \$10,000.

Thirty-eight members of the 37th Division received their sheepskins in the first graduation exercises of the Division Opportunity Schools, conducted under the supervision of Lt. Maurice P. Beck, of the Adjutant General's Department.

Although these schools are prevalent in Divisions, this marks the first time that certificates have been awarded for actual work accomplished.



SGT. JOHNSON  
They're not for sale

# His Collection Totals 612 Regiment Insignia

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—No sale price hangs alongside the collection of 612 regimental insignias owned by 31-year-old Sgt. Albert Johnson, of the local Quartermaster Detachment, Western Signal Corps Training Center here.

Filthy lucre could hardly compensate for Johnson's five year quest, which has stretched from Texas to the Philippines. He has bartered for and bought all but three of his set and, to his knowledge, the collection stands as a national record. "I've never sought publicity before," said Johnson, "but I read some story where a soldier had 168 insignias and claimed his was the biggest set he ever saw. Heck, that guy is just getting started."

Johnson's hobby began five years ago after he enlisted at Fort Bliss, Tex. He saw 20 insignias pinned on a GI towel, got interested and bought 'em. He moved from there to Fort McDowell, San Francisco, still adding insignias, then was stationed in the Philippines for 28

months, his tenure ending in July, 1941.

"I got about half of them over there," Johnson added. "I bought 185 from a corporal in the Islands just to get the 2nd Machine Gun Squadron crest, which is very rare. I sold the other 184 right back to another fellow."

That 2nd MG Squadron pin is one of Johnson's most treasured, along with the Cavalry and Philippine Scouts. He figures that many of the estimated 1000 U. S. Army insignias are almost extinct, though it's possible they may be found anywhere.

"Many of them can't be bought, especially during war time. I need orders to get hold of them and I can't get the orders. I can't even get officers' insignias now which I'm also saving."

Johnson estimates his set is worth \$1000 at present. He has spent \$500, all told, and spurned a \$500 bid for the set from an officer in the Philippines.

"Just keep announcing," he concluded, "they're not for sale."

## Registration Bureau Aids College Grads to Meet

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—Seeking to re-unite former college men stationed with military units in this area, the Special Services Section of the New Cumberland Army Reception Center has established a college registration center in the lobby of the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg.

The first in Pennsylvania, and one of eleven registration centers already functioning throughout the country, the Harrisburg unit will record the names of officers and enlisted men serving in Harrisburg, Indiantown Gap, Carlisle, New Cumberland and Middletown. Others in operation are at Buffalo, Dayton, Denver, Fresno, Louisville, Nashville, New Brunswick, New Orleans, Providence and San Francisco.

**PRODUCTION** lines of United States factories will turn out about 100,000 airplanes during 1943, an increase of approximately 100 per cent over 1942.



**GUEST OF HONOR** while an Army Signal Corps movie unit out of Astoria, L. I., films a chemical warfare training film at Silver Springs, Fla., is Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs, commanding, 30th Infantry Division at Camp Blanding nearby. The group, left to right, includes Lt. Col. R. E. Johnson, 30th Chemical Warfare officer; Captain Hoteling, aide to General Hobbs; Mrs. A. M. Harper, wife of Brig. Gen. A. M. Harper of the 30th's Artillery; Mrs. Hobbs; Maj. A. M. Johnston; General Hobbs; Capt. W. Coopersmith, cinematographer; Sgt. George Reinhardt, assistant cinematographer; Capt. L. B. Appleton, former Columbia Films director as officer-in-charge; Lt. Dan Dailey Jr., former movie player, and Lt. R. Scrivener.

## Dream Come True

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—A soldier's dream has been realized by Pvt. Robert Pace, Hq. Co., 6th Armored Division.

Pace, this week, was transferred to an army unit located only five subway stops from his home at 45 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, New York. A photographic expert, Pace will be assigned to a Signal Corps photo center at Astoria, Long Island.

## 'Andrews Field'

LONDON.—The first American-built air base, "somewhere in Britain," which has been named Andrews Field, in memory of the late Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, was opened last week. The new base, one of several under construction, is in a typical English rural setting. Two miles square, it was completed in 10 months by 1,000 members of the U. S. Army Engineers and technical experts who worked in shifts of 24 hours daily, 7 days per week.

## Pro Talent Featured In Show at Fort Sill

FORT SILL, Okla.—Talent that took bows in leading theaters over the world in pre-Army days is assembled to highlight the new Field Artillery Replacement Training Center show, "Battery Three Rounds," which will open in a Lawton, Okla., USO this week.

Sponsored by the Special Service Office, it is the first show of its kind to play an opening engagement off the post. Soldiers in the Replacement Center will get their first look at the all-star presentation when it begins a two-week tour of rec halls here next week.

## Not a Captain?

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Pvt Miles Standish, of the Engineer Corps, was processed last week at the recruit reception center here.

Private Standish claims direct descent from Capt. Miles Standish and Priscilla Alden, of Plymouth Colony, made famous in the well-known "Longfellow" romance poem.

SPORTS CHAT



CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Weighing more than he ever had before in his boxing career, 190 pounds, Cpl. Billy Conn gave 3,500 cheering soldiers a demonstration of his famous tricking left which Joe Louis found so disconcerting for 12 rounds. Conn boxed with three ring-experienced buddies.

HARDING FIELD, Ia.—Sgt. Norman Spiller probably should be credited with some kind of a track record. He dashed over a 100-yard course in 11.2—wearing GI shoes and fatigue uniform.

MATHER FIELD, Calif.—Wearer of the Pacific Amateur Athletic crown in the light heavyweight division is Pvt. Delaware Brady.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—New champions are being crowned every day in the Army but at this field a champion will be crowned in a new sport—obstacle course running. No shortage of contestants is anticipated.

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—No matter where American boys are stationed and there is fishing—that's where you will find the followers of Isaac Walton. Addicts of the hook and line are finding herring fishing excellent here.

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—A team batting average, which would be the pride and joy of any big league manager, has been maintained by the Camp Wolters nine. With 12 of the 20 players hitting over .300 the team average is .335. Some slugging!

CAMP BARKLEY, Tex.—A soldier, modestly hailed as a cross between Greek Adonis and Charles Atlas, a Pvt. Fred D. Schleicher. As a University of Ohio athlete he starred in wrestling, football and track.

LUKE FIELD, Ariz.—A short time ago Sgt. Tommy E. Burch was telling Gen. Henry H. Arnold how to do it. Burch was a golf instructor. General Arnold hasn't got around to giving Sergeant Burch special instructions—but he is getting a few second hand.

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—With "Dutch" Kleinsmith pitching a no-hit, no-run game the McCracken Commandos maintained their unbeaten record and broke the winning streak of the 19th General Hospital nine.

FORT SMITH, Ark.—Fort Smith soldiers saw a table tennis tournament featuring two of the greatest strategists of the game, Doug Cortland, an offensive genius, and Harry Cook, master of defense.

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Capt. Homer C. Pheasant was ribbed unmercifully by fellow officers for his continual practice on the golf course. The captain got the last laugh. Using a two-iron on the 180-yard second hole he slapped in a hole-in-one.

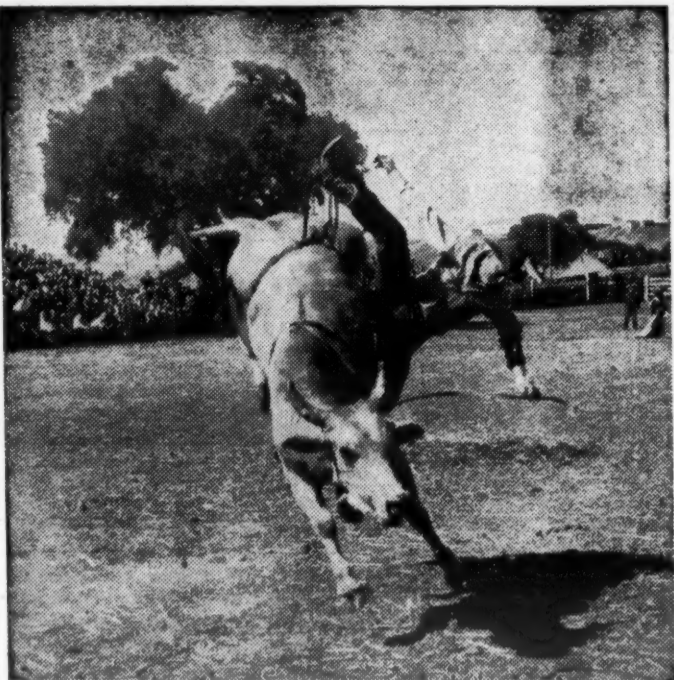
CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Winning their tenth straight victory and their fourth game in a 5-day period, Camp Campbell's baseball team defeated Tennessee Tech by a 4-to-0 score.

FORT CLARK, Tex.—S/Sgt. Hezie Van Camp used to be a familiar figure in the fight game. You don't recognize the name? Neither would he—he fought under the name of Jack "Tiger" Flowers.

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Cpl. Adam Berry has a problem. He wants to know how he is going to get to the National Junior and Senior Track and Field Meet to defend his national high jump championship.

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—The Camp Grant eleven will travel in the big-time football circles next fall. Its schedule calls for games with Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Purdue, Marquette, Michigan State, Great Lakes and Iowa Pre-Flight.

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Personal officers had better check Sgt. Bruno Somensi's classification card. Somensi is catching for the Hawks and Cooks softball team while his record shows that he used to be on the mound for the St. Paul Saints.



ONE very un-GI boot goes skyward as Cpl. Ralph E. Kniffin loses his seat on the hurricane deck of a Brahma bull at the Camp Roberts (Calif.) rodeo. Bull riding, a Westerner's idea of a nice parlor game, is considered the most dangerous racket in the rodeo circuit. Bulls have a habit of tromping h— out of their victims. Thus the clown and dummy in the background. They serve as decoys to attract the bull away from fellows who find themselves in a Kniffin-position.

—Camp Roberts Photo

Cleveland Leading; Yanks, Nats Second

WASHINGTON—Casting three emphatic votes in the "Beat the Yanks" Club the Cleveland Indians measured the league champs, 9-2, 3-1, 5-2, and the Bronx Bombers are now rubbing elbows with the Washington Nationals in second place.

The American League race is far from cut-and-dried as the shuffling in the standings during the week put the eighth-place Boston Red Sox within 5½ games of the leading Indians.

On the good stout arms of veteran pitchers, with Jim Bagby, Chubby Dean and Al Smith setting the pace, the Cleveland nine has worked out their slim one-game lead. Timely hitting and a hustling defensive spirit has provided the protection and runs for the hurlers.

Nats Tied With Yanks  
As the Yankees dropped out of the lead for the first time since the first week the Nationals after a disastrous visit in Chicago, where they dropped

behind the four-hit pitching of Dutch Leonard, 1-0, to go into a second-place tie with the Yankees.

The loss pushed the Browns into seventh place as Detroit, Philadelphia and Chicago all moved up a notch.

Bobo Newsom casually—as casually as the gent with the inflated ego could—predicted at the first of the season that with his 20 wins the pennant was going to fly over Ebbets Field.

Critics and fans had heard the bad boy of baseball sound off before. Some laughed. Some got mad. No one in the other seven clubs is laughing today and the fans aren't mad. Bobo has won five. The Dodgers have a 2½ game lead.

St. Louis found the Giants easy pickings and hopped over the Boston Braves into second place as the Braves' winning streak was stopped by the Chicago Cubs.

Philadelphia still holding forth comfortably in the first division is looking over its shoulder at Uncle Sam. Babe Dahlgren, whose great defensive play and big bat has paced the revived Phillies, has taken his first physical and is awaiting induction. Even if the Babe goes and the Phillies slip—history has been made in turn-outs and fan enthusiasm in the Quaker City.

Cincinnati and Pittsburgh took advantage of the Giants' losses to the Cards to go up a notch in the league standings. But in the National League the second division is definitely that at this stage in the race. Lou Novikoff is home. The Cubs decided it was better to have him with them than against them. But Lou went hitless in his first game and the Cubs are now 11 games off the pace.

History was made in the Eastern League as Chet Covington pitched the first perfect game as Scranton shut out the Springfield nine, 6 to 0. Only 27 players faced Covington and not a man reached first.

League Standings

(Through Wednesday, May 26)

| American League |    |    |      |      |
|-----------------|----|----|------|------|
|                 | W. | L. | Pct. | G.B. |
| Cleveland       | 16 | 11 | .593 |      |
| New York        | 14 | 11 | .560 | 1    |
| Washington      | 16 | 13 | .552 | 1    |
| Detroit         | 13 | 12 | .520 | 2    |
| Philadelphia    | 14 | 15 | .483 | 3    |
| Chicago         | 10 | 13 | .435 | 3½   |
| St. Louis       | 10 | 13 | .435 | 3½   |
| Boston          | 11 | 17 | .393 | 5½   |

| National League |    |    |      |      |
|-----------------|----|----|------|------|
|                 | W. | L. | Pct. | G.B. |
| Brooklyn        | 21 | 10 | .677 |      |
| St. Louis       | 17 | 11 | .607 | 2½   |
| Boston          | 15 | 10 | .600 | 3    |
| Philadelphia    | 15 | 13 | .538 | 4½   |
| Cincinnati      | 13 | 16 | .448 | 7    |
| Pittsburgh      | 11 | 15 | .423 | 7½   |
| New York        | 13 | 18 | .400 | 8½   |
| Chicago         | 9  | 20 | .310 | 11   |

| International League |    |    |      |  |
|----------------------|----|----|------|--|
|                      | W. | L. | Pct. |  |
| Toronto              | 21 | 9  | .700 |  |
| Syracuse             | 21 | 9  | .690 |  |
| Newark               | 19 | 12 | .610 |  |
| Montreal             | 14 | 13 | .519 |  |
| Baltimore            | 12 | 14 | .462 |  |
| Buffalo              | 10 | 12 | .455 |  |
| Jersey City          | 12 | 17 | .414 |  |
| Rochester            | 8  | 15 | .348 |  |

| American Association |    |    |      |  |
|----------------------|----|----|------|--|
|                      | W. | L. | Pct. |  |
| Indianapolis         | 11 | 5  | .688 |  |
| Toledo               | 10 | 8  | .556 |  |
| Columbus             | 10 | 9  | .526 |  |
| Minneapolis          | 11 | 10 | .524 |  |
| Milwaukee            | 10 | 10 | .500 |  |
| Kansas City          | 9  | 9  | .500 |  |
| Louisville           | 9  | 13 | .409 |  |
| St. Paul             | 9  | 15 | .375 |  |

| Pacific Coast League |    |    |      |  |
|----------------------|----|----|------|--|
|                      | W. | L. | Pct. |  |
| Los Angeles          | 29 | 7  | .806 |  |
| San Francisco        | 22 | 14 | .611 |  |
| Oakland              | 19 | 18 | .514 |  |
| San Diego            | 19 | 19 | .500 |  |
| Hollywood            | 17 | 19 | .472 |  |
| Portland             | 14 | 22 | .389 |  |
| Sacramento           | 14 | 23 | .378 |  |
| Seattle              | 12 | 14 | .333 |  |

| Southern Association |    |    |      |  |
|----------------------|----|----|------|--|
|                      | W. | L. | Pct. |  |
| Birmingham           | 21 | 11 | .656 |  |
| Chattanooga          | 17 | 11 | .607 |  |
| Nashville            | 15 | 12 | .556 |  |
| Little Rock          | 14 | 11 | .560 |  |
| New Orleans          | 12 | 18 | .400 |  |
| Atlanta              | 12 | 18 | .400 |  |
| Knoxville            | 10 | 18 | .357 |  |
| Memphis              | 9  | 20 | .310 |  |

Montgomery Whips Jack For Lightweight Crown

NEW YORK—An ex-Georgia shoe-shine boy has been wearing the crown of the lightweight division. He wore it through a battle with Henry Armstrong and a couple with Fritzie Zivic.

But the other night Beau Jack faced a challenger who wasn't on the skid-road or making a comeback and the crown was bounced emphatically off his noggin.

It wasn't the first time Bob Montgomery had met a champ. But it was the first time the weights had been right and the Philadelphia Negro wasn't fooling as he put the Atlanta boy on a bicycle and then chased him all around the ring.

A crowd of 18,343 paying an almost incredible \$94,500.78, didn't raise a single hoot of protest as the referee lifted Montgomery's hand at the end of the bout. The Philadelphia boy pounded out wins in 10 of the 15

rounds. The same evening in Washington a 19-year-old youngster 13 fights out of the amateur ranks out-slugged, out-roughed and out-boxed Featherweight Champion Jackie Callura to win a clear-cut decision in a non-title ten-round bout.

Lew Hanbury, who laid off a couple of days at the Navy Yard to get in shape, went back to work after giving the highly partisan crowd something to shout about.

Maxie Shapiro didn't have any defense for the devastating infighting dished out by the old master, Henry Armstrong, and went down for nine counts in the sixth and seventh with the referee calling it off in the seventh.

It took only four rounds for Chalky Wright to put the finishing touches on Billy Pintl. Chalky, ex-featherweight champion, is on the comeback trail.

No News—Count Fleet Wins Withers Stakes

WASHINGTON—Slide Rule placed, Tip-Toe showed and no one was around to collect the fourth money in the sixty-eighth Withers Stakes. Oes yes, Count Fleet led the parade past the finish line.

On a slow track, running under restraint and carried wide the great three-year-old breezed home a six lengths winner in 1:36 for the mile. He paid \$2.10.

Taking down the \$12,700 first money the Count pushed his earnings to a nice fat total of \$214,960, which isn't bad for a colt no one would buy a couple of years ago.

Lucky Draw won the Juvenile Stakes over Surrogate and Ravelana. This is the second Juvenile Stakes won by the Widener colt.

Devalue, an 8-to-1 shot, beat Incoming and K. Dorko to win the Paul Revere Handicap. Tola Rose, nicely handled by Warren Mehrtens, slopped through the mud to a win over Bollingbroke and Corydon.

Johnny Longden found a seat on Vagrancy as comfortable as on Count Fleet and won by two lengths over

Too Timely in the Bateau Handicap. Askmenow couldn't stand the stretch run of Too Timely and finished second in Coaching Club American Oaks. La Reigh was a badly beaten third. Too Timely paid \$9.60.

Rice and Haegg To Race in June

NEW YORK—Greg Rice, America's great distance runner, will be on hand to defend his 5000-meter championship in the fifty-fifth annual AAU track and field meet June 19 and 20 against all challengers headed by the great Swedish runner, Gunder Haegg.

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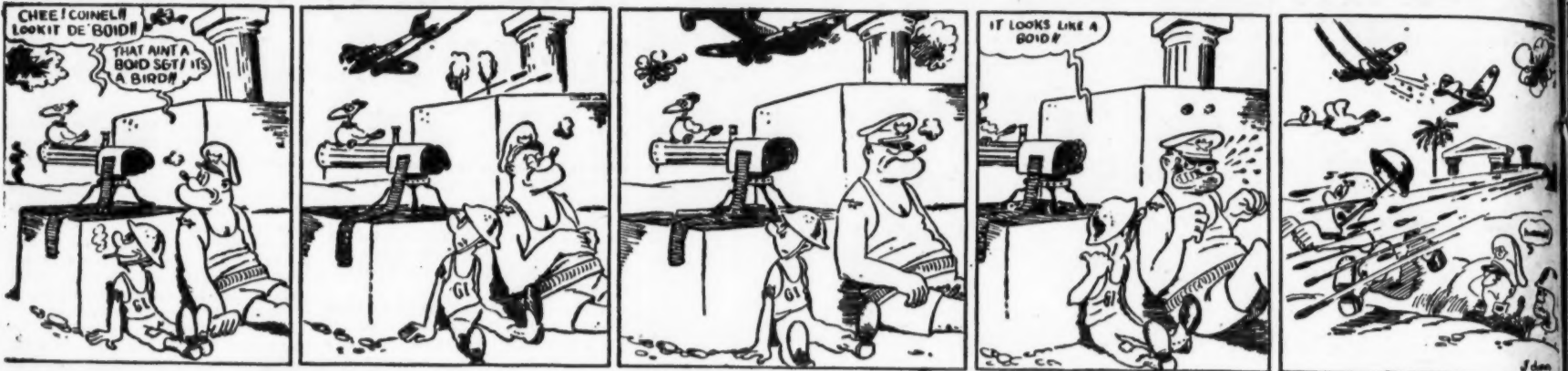
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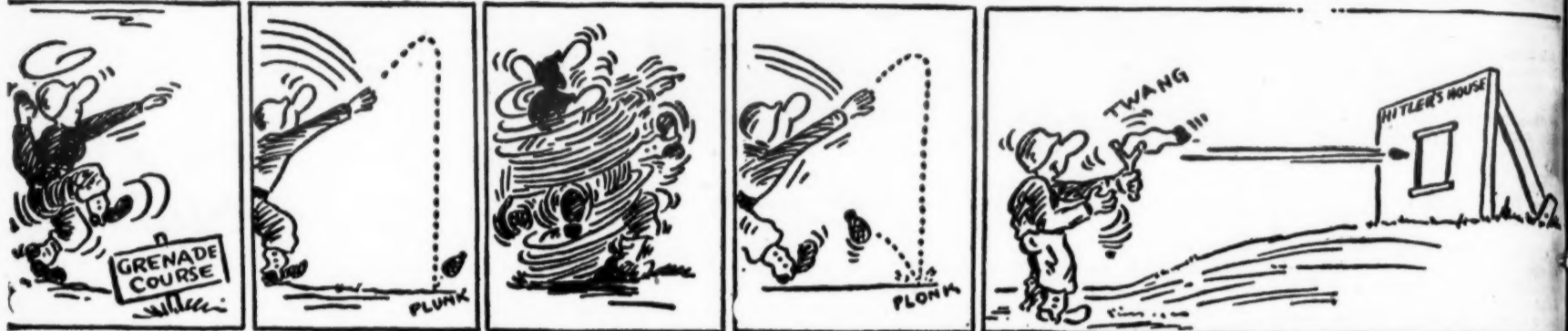
# Colonel Wrightflank

By Cpl. John Dunn, Gelger Field, Wash.



# Cyclone Mose

By Cpl. Grover Page, Jr., Camp Livingston, La.



## The Army Quiz

1. Enlisted men and officers alike may win and wear all U. S. Army decorations and medals. True. . . . False.
2. The Allied victory in North Africa reopens the Mediterranean route and shortens the Allied life line to the Middle East by some 6,000 miles. What was the route used when the Mediterranean was not available?  
A. Via the Pacific and the Red Sea.  
B. Through the Arctic Ocean and Russia.  
C. Around the Cape of Good Hope. . . .
3. How many soldiers took part in the landing at Dieppe?  
A. 500.  
B. 10,000.  
C. 25,000. . . .
4. Why are military operations virtually impossible in Burma from May to October?  
A. Because of the intense heat.  
B. By reason of deep snow in the mountains.  
C. Because it is the rainy season. . . .
5. It is all right for a service man to wear a full dress suit for his wedding, provided he changes back into uniform immediately. True. . . . False.
6. The newest American plane to be used in France is the Thunderbolt. It is heralded as an answer to the German Fock-Wulf 190. Is this because it is—  
A. A hedge-hopping bomber?  
B. Because it is a single-motor plane?  
C. Because it is a speedy diver? . . .
7. The United States Army does not pay captured officers. True. . . . False.
8. It is said that none of Allied commanding officers was more pleased over the victory in Tunisia than the one who had been the last man off the beach at Dunquerque in 1940. Was that—  
A. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander?  
B. Lt. Gen. Kenneth Anderson?  
C. Field Marshall Wavell? . . .
9. How many Service Commands are there in the United States Army?  
A. 13.  
B. 9.  
C. 5. . . .
10. Among the most frequently-discussed invasion routes to Japan are two strings of islands lying between Alaska and Japan itself. Which is the group lying adjacent to Japan?  
A. The Aleutians.  
B. The Kurile Islands.  
(See Answers on Page 13)

## Aussie

By Cpl. Fitzgerald  
Camp Edwards, Mass.



## Gems of Unmeant Humor Still Come from Army

FORT SILL, Okla.—Since the first Army was organized, rookies have unwittingly been producing humorous gems which have carried their superiors to the verge of hysteria. Our Army today is no exception, as proved by the following answers given to questions asked by trainees by Sgt. Vincent Emmel, Battery E, 32nd Battalion of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center:

### He Preferred Stamps So U. S. Made \$1,600

FORT SILL, Okla.—Pvt. Leopold Winter, of the Field Artillery Replacement Center here, told some of his girl friends back in New York that in these days war stamps are prettier than flowers, and as a result more than \$1,600 flowed in for Uncle Sam's war treasury. Private Winter is an associate member of a girls' club in New York City, and his name is on the club's honor roll. Each week the club surrounds the honor roll with flowers of a variety named by the member who is to receive the week's tribute. Winter wrote his opinion and a result the honor roll was covered with stamps and bonds which totalled \$1,624.25.

military courtesy.  
Q—What is the cadence for quick time?  
A—Hut, two, three, four, or one, two, three, four.  
Q—What are the types of courts martial?  
A—There is the court marshal and the court marshal may direct.  
Q—What is the first thing to do for a gas casualty?  
A—Give him artificial breathing.  
Q—What is a booby trap?  
A—A booby trap is on a truck when it has a six-wheel drive.  
Q—What is a dud?  
A—A dud is a jeep.  
Q—Name three types of armored vehicles.  
A—Trucks, tanks and cavalry.  
Q—What do you do if the truck you are driving stalls on a hill?  
A—Stop, put on the brakes, put on the chains and be towed.

### Dunkirk

On Tunisian shores amid the roar Of Allied mortar thunder, Defeated Axis forces massed And harried leaders wonder—Dunkirk?  
Across the sea toward Italy Their frightened gazes wander, Futile their hope of being saved Distraught with fear they ponder Dunkirk?  
Besieged, defeated, and in rout Their armies stripped of splendor, Wounded, dying in despair It's certain they'll remember—Dunkirk.  
PVT. EDWIN A. MELVILLE, Sarasota Air Base, Fla.

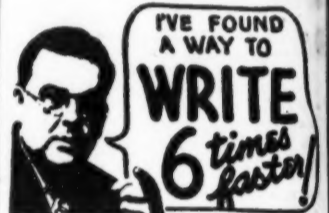
## The Mess Line

A sergeant playing dumb stepped up to Red Ruffing, New York Yankee's pitcher, now in the Army.  
"Understand you are a pretty good pitcher?"  
"Well, could be," Ruffing replied. "Then let me see you pitch this tent." And the sarge walked away.  
Oh happy little skeeter, With voice like angel's harp. The only thing you have to do Is keep your stinger sharp.  
Captain—I hope, next time I see you, you'll be a second lieutenant. Rookie (flustered)—Yes, sir, thank you, sir, same to you, sir.  
Mussolini's new titles: "Ill Duce."  
The young surgeon was about to begin the operation. "Pardon me," he said, "may I cut in?"  
Warning to trainees in the medical corps:  
Booze and tobacco Killed druggist Fall. He upset his pipe In alcohol.  
An innocent minister was asked by a private on furlough to ask prayers in church the following Sunday for Annabelle. The good man did so, and, meeting the soldier on the street a few days later asked if she was better or if he would like the prayers repeated.  
"Oh no, sir," came the reply. "She won on Wednesday 7 to 1."

### The Tank

(Dedicated to Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, former Armored Forces chief.)  
This bulwark of the Armored Force Rides along her bumpy course Equally at home in fire and flood Yet to be christened in enemy blood  
Behind her sponson ride her crew Five, Fair, Goodly men and True  
Thru Aleutian snow she'll make her way The slant eyed men their pace to stay  
In jungle ooze she'll never bog Blasting away at the heathen dog  
O'er Tunis hills, thru desert heat She'll ride the sands, Nazi to meet  
She's tiring now of these long dry runs And longs to be in there firing her guns  
At the Axis Powers, who will fail to be Masters of Heaven and Earth and Thee.  
Pvt Eugene S. Weirbach, Camp Chaffee, Ark.

W. C. FIELDS arrived recently at Camp Stewart, Ga., and was assigned as guard on a mail truck. He is just 23, however, and his first names are Wade Curtis.



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# Randy Allen

By Sgt. A. J. Abruzzo, Armored Force, Fort Knox, Ky.



## Lament of a WAAC Drill Sergeant

You think you've a tough job in Iceland or Nome; I'll swap you the one that they've slipped me at home. I'm drilling the women. The best that I can, But you can't yell the things that you'd yell to a man.

Eyes right, ya gorilla! I once used to shout; But that, and "Hey Fathead!" Are now both strictly out. Of jobs in the service The hardest is mine, I've got to discard all my old Army line.

Old Privates toe in? I could yell, "Listen, stupe! You do that again— You'll get socked for a loop." "Chins up, ya' baboons!" Was my cry through the day. But drilling the dames— Well, it ain't the same way.

Eyes right, "Are ya' cockeyed?" I'd yell in loud tones. But now it's "Please try once again, Missus Jones." "Hey throw out your chest! Blow that bar-room effect!" Are in the discard. Seems they ain't quite correct.

"Hey mug. Wipe that grin off!" I loved that so much. But I can't use it now For it lacks proper touch. "Ya bowlegged scarecrow!" Is off my routine; It's now—"Watch your form, you don't mind, Miss Green."

"That hat is no ale can To hang on one ear!" Is now out of order, With: "Pull in ya' rear!" But this is what slays me And makes my head dance— No more can I bellow; "Hey, pull up them pants!" —Ft. Barrancas Breeze.

## Quiz Answers

(See Page 12)

1. True.
2. C.
3. B.
4. C.
5. False.
6. C. The Thunderbolt has a diving speed of more than 700 miles per hour, and it may be able to outdive the Fock-Wulf, whose most effective tactic is a head-on lunge followed by a vertical-dive getaway.
7. False.
8. General Alexander was at the time of Dunkerque commander of the First Corps of the British Expeditionary Force.
9. A.
10. B.

REQUESTS for Red Cross aid to servicemen and their families through Home Service units in various chapters have jumped more than 100 per cent over the average at the same time a year ago.

## Star Spangled Banter

By Sgt. Bill Mauldin



## Builders of Model Planes At Stewart to Compete

CAMP STEWART, Ga. — AAATC Headquarters this week announced a gigantic airplane model contest for antiaircraft units which will be held the last week in June.

Thirty-two AA units have been assigned various latest types of American and British warplanes;

and will build realistic models from non-essential material, to compete for suitable prizes.

Other units which entered a similar contest, the first of its kind at Stewart, some two months ago may voluntarily enter again and receive a new assignment.

The contest is designed to enhance the aircraft recognition program of the AAATC, a vital phase of antiaircraft training.

The models will be so designed that they can be placed upon vehicles and moved about the post.

## Soldiers Exhibit Art In Sill Service Club

FORT SILL, Okla.—Soldier artists who received their training in the country's leading schools exhibited their work here this week, in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center's first Soldier Art Exhibit.

More than 200 oil portraits and landscapes, charcoal drawings and sketches, chalk drawings, water color paintings, tempera, handcraft and photographs and pieces of commercial art were placed by 35 soldiers of Fort Sill in the exhibit, which will close Sunday.

The exhibit, loaned by Lawton, Okla., USO clubs was set up in the Replacement Center service club under the direction of Sgt. Dean C. Ryerson.

## Grasshopper Planes Aid Training at Camp Beale

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Ten new Piper Cubs have been assigned here for observation and spotting for artillery fire when air supremacy has been gained.

Since the Cubs have a cruising speed of but 75 miles per hour, carry no armament and have a ceiling of only 12,000 feet, they must remain close to friendly bases. T/Sgt. Harold Hillman, one of the pilots, said: "We fly by the seat of our pants and put a stove lid in our parachute packs for armor."

In order for all soldiers to study them. They must be mounted so that different views may be shown to the soldiers.

## BOOKS

By Mary Willis

The Appleton-Century Company has announced that it is in the market for a book written by service men.

Any subject likely to be of interest will be considered. The manuscript may be fiction, non-fiction, personal experience, or humorous. Manuscripts are to be mailed to Joseph W. Allen, editorial department, Appleton-Century Company, 35 West 32nd street, New York City.

"AMERICA'S FIGHTING PLANES IN ACTION," by Reed Kinerth; MacMillan, N. Y.; \$2.50.

A truly impressive record of all American military planes in action today is this book of illustrations, exquisitely executed by a true lover of planes, and the accompanying, short but vividly descriptive text.

All of the pictures in this book were prepared by Reed Kinerth in pastels, and carefully reproduced by lithography, retaining the soft and yet sharply clear beauty of the original drawings.

Definitely worth having, if only for the illustrations (about which we cannot rave enough), the book gives in the text all the details of interest about each plane; the type engine, speed, range, weight, loading capacity and an inkling of its service record.

"YES MA'AM," by Auxiliary Elizabeth Pollock; Lippincott, N. Y.; \$1.75.

The personal letters of one of our ladies in khaki reveal the motives which decided thousands of girls to volunteer for service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Auxiliary Pollock, one of the first WAACs, saw the WAAC grow from its inception, learning from patient sergeants (apparently there are such things) how to polish insignia, how to make a GI bed, how to arrange their lockers, Army style. She learned, too, that while it is difficult to feel glamorous in khaki pants, it is a wonderful sensation to know that someone else is making your decisions for awhile.

Not just a book, but actual letters written to her family, "Yes Ma'am" is good reading—and definitely informative as to what the WAAC is doing and the training the girls get to fit them to take over some job that will relieve a soldier for combat.

## New Nazi Gun Has 'V' Bore

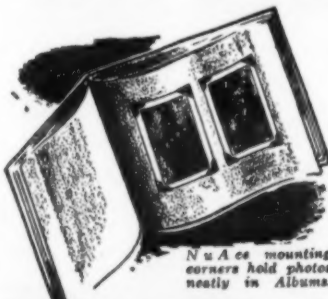
WASHINGTON—The Germans are reported to have a new gun, with a V-shaped, or tapered bore, which was first used in the Tunisian campaign.

The new gun, an anti-tank weapon, takes a 75 mm. shell almost 50 inches long. It is said it is probably the most powerful weapon of its kind turned out anywhere. Its muzzle velocity is said to be about 4,000 feet per second, while that of most similar guns is less than 3,000. The projectile is said to penetrate 141 mm. (about 5 1/2 inches) of armor at 500 yards and a little more than 2 1/2 inches at 2,500 yards.

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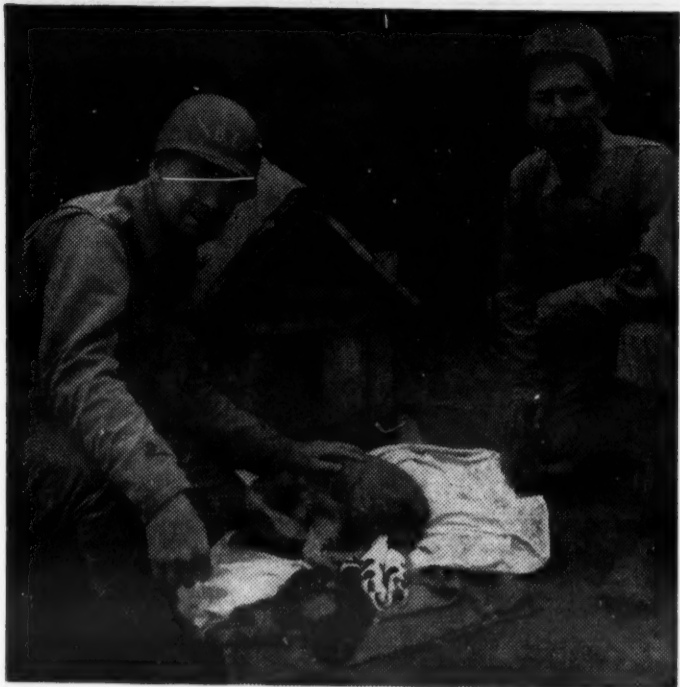
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BROWNIE, PUPS AND FRIENDS  
Lt. Dale (left) and Lt. Newell

## Brownie Gives 'Litter' To Army Ambulance

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Everybody got along just fine on the 25-mile march taken by 117 soldiers attached to the Fort Knox Armored Force Replacement Training Center's battle training section—except Brownie, a little female dog.

She had to take time out at the half-way point to have pups—five

of 'em.

After Brownie had followed the soldiers about 12 miles, moaning and whining at each step, Lt. Harvey Newell ordered that she be placed in the ambulance which was following the men.

And none too soon. Brownie had her pups immediately after she was placed inside. Acting as midwife was Pvt. Noble Enoch, the first-aid man attached to the ambulance. Pvt. William Bingham, the driver, also aided with the births, which may have been the first ever to take place in an Army ambulance.

Brownie and her pups were brought back to the battle training bivouac area and turned over to Lt. Lee Dale, special service officer, who stated:

"I'm going to raise the pups to be watch dogs."

He immediately prepared a dog house for Brownie and her pups, all of whom are "doing nicely."

## Noted X-ray Doctor Leaves Fort Devens

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Brig. Gen. Henry C. Pittsburry, commanding officer of the Lovell General Hospital, which he developed into one of the Army's outstanding institutions, has been ordered to head a new hospital at Nashville, Tenn.

General Pittsburry is a noted X-ray specialist and is author of the X-ray manual now used by the Army Medical Corps.

## New Kinks

(Continued from Page 5)  
equipped with extremely powerful searchlights and sound detectors.

### Healing Jell

Pectin, the well-known product which makes Jelly Jell, is now being used in conjunction with the new gulfa drugs with what is termed amazing results in healing foot injuries. The secret of its efficiency, it is explained, is that it stimulates granulation from the bottom of the wound up, thus accelerating the healing process and at the same time reducing the dangers of contamination from bacteria.

### Sighting with Mirrors

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### Hell-on-Wings

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all kinds. A machine gun which "fires" electrical tracers instead of bullets faces the screen. As the student gunners man the weapon an automatic computer records hits and misses. Instructors shout suggestions to the men as they "fire" the machine gun in the dark room. The walls resound with the roar of plane motors, the explosions of bombs and the clatter of machine guns.

### Camp Forum

A group of officers and enlisted men at Camp Stewart, Ga., meet in the camp library every Monday evening for a forum on the postwar world. Different officers or men are selected to lead the discussions. Popular non-fiction books on the countries concerned are used as source material.

### Transplanting Nerves

Reports from Russia state that Prof. A. S. Vichnevsky, head of the surgical department of a Soviet neurological clinic, is transplanting nerves taken from corpses to take the place of similar nerves injured or shot away in wounded soldiers. The report suggests that nerve-banks—vaults stored with different types of nerves—can be built up, to be drawn from when necessary.

### Questions Answered

The Special Service Office at Keeler Field, Miss., has inaugurated a new Information Service which will answer any question relating to the Army and the newly enlisted man's status in it. If the new soldier wishes to learn anything about his pay, his insurance, or almost anything else, he goes to Sgt. Thomas Nobles, at the Service Club, and the information will be forthcoming.

### Giant Antiaircraft

Through the use of ammunition specially designed for such purpose United States battleships can now turn their 16-inch guns to aircraft defense. Thus they will be more than ever floating fortresses.

# Soldier Show Material Available in Book Form

WASHINGTON.—The Special Service Division now has available for distribution copies of the following books:

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## 14-Year-Old GI Given Discharge at Edwards

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Fourteen-year-old Charles N. Keen became the second Camp Edwards soldier in two days to receive a discharge because of minority. Earlier Ortho Sheridan of Mayaville, Ga., was discharged because he was only 17 years old.

Young Keen was inducted last February 24 and was sent to Camp Edwards from a West Virginia recruit reception center. Last January he decided to get into the service and went to his draft board and told them he was 18.

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# Sergeant's Gadget Aids Novice Machine Gunners

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Here's a new contraption, just perfected by a 1st Armored Division sergeant, which should make things a lot easier for GI's going out for a dry run with the .30-caliber machine gun. The new device, ingenious and at the same time startlingly simple, is the invention of Sgt. Harold L. Richter, of the 152nd Armored Signal Company, as a sighting and aiming aid in machine gun training.

**Wooden Arm Is Key**

It consists mainly of a wooden arm, five feet in length, which clamps into the barrel of the machine gun. At the end of the five-foot length of wood is a small paper target is held by a wooden stand. Viewed through the sight on the gun, the paper target looks exactly like the full-size targets used on regular 1000-inch ranges.

Attached to the end of the wooden arm, a small electric plunger punches a hole in the target when the trigger is pulled, indicating clearly the accuracy of the trainee's aim. The arm and plunger move together as a unit when aim is taken.

Sergeant Richter was inducted six

months ago and took his basic training at Camp Campbell. It was during the training period that the idea for the device came to Richter, and since then he has worked on it in his spare time. Working in the radio repair shop of the 152nd Armored Signal Company, Richter finished a practical model of his invention only a few days ago.

**General OKs Trial**

Luckily for Richter, the work was completed just in time to catch the attention of Maj. Gen. Carlos Brewer, Commanding General of the 12th Armored Division, when the General made an inspection of the repair shop last week. General Brewer expressed his interest in the invention, and a demonstration was given at Division Headquarters.

This week Sergeant Richter is a very happy young man as he prepares to go to work with a group of assistants on a special order of 87 duplicates of his invention for trial use in the 12th Armored Division. Later on in the week a meeting of unit commanders will watch a demonstration with a view to adopting the device for regular use throughout the Division.

# Why No Gum?

WASHINGTON — Why chewing gum has lately been omitted from the bags given by the Red Cross to soldiers embarking for overseas is a mystery which is suggesting ideas to a good many people.

The Red Cross says the gum was omitted at the request of the War Department. The War Department says no order of the kind was given and if any such request was made it was unofficial.

One suggestion is that soldiers can't reasonably be expected to chew gum without tossing the wrappers overboard. The wax paper floats, of course, and might leave a sort of hare and hounds trail for Axis subs.

Another theory is that the wrappers may attract schools of small fish, which in turn would attract sharks, so that all the subs would have to do would be to follow the sharks.

Whatever may be the reason both Red Cross and the War Department assure the soldiers that chewing gum, camouflaged in olive-drab wrappers, is plentifully available overseas.

The Navy men who scrub the decks are naturally happy since the new procedure saves them work.

# Dummy Mortar Shell Devised at McClellan

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Brush aside red tape, a defense plant and gunnery instructors at the Infantry Replacement Training Center

have plugged up a hole and given rookie soldiers something to shoot with when they start learning how to fire trench mortars.

# Field Pack Is Life Preserver

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.—Capt. R. Schneck, service officer here, has been experimenting for four months with new methods of folding the army field pack, with a view to making it a life-preserver. Collaborating with Pfc. Harold T. Gustafson, who had ten years' experience in Red Cross water safety work, he has submitted to post officers a 28-page leaflet, complete with pictures and charts, showing the results of the experiments, under the title "Flotation Experiments with the Army Field Pack."

Captain Schneck has found, that, with a new method of pack-rolling, the regulation Army pack will support him in water for over half an hour, while the regulation roll will support him for only seven minutes.

Immersion tests, using shelter halves and blankets which were almost new, the pack rolled in regulation Army style floated 45 minutes, while the pack rolled according to the new method floated for 100 days, until the testing tank had to be dismantled.

The secret of the floating properties of the new method lies in keeping the water away from the blanket, so that it will hold the air which buoys up the pack.

In the experiments eight full packs were used and these were immersed over 150 times.

It has always been a problem to get adequate target practice without blowing up a lot of mortar shells sorely needed at the battle fronts. The Army has a regular dummy which does everything but explode when it reaches its destination, but it goes too far to permit easy observation, a lot of them are lost, and the gunners spend more time shagging after them than they do firing the weapon.

**Devised New One**

So the IRTC supply and ordnance staff set out to devise a new dummy. They asked a shell plant to send them some rejected casings for both 60 and 81mm mortar shells, and into the tail fin assembly of these they inserted a three-inch section of a discarded machine gun barrel.

A round of regular 30-caliber ammunition fits into the tail piece. The dummy drops down the mortar tube, the rifle ammunition strikes the firing pin, and the dummy takes a nice 75 to 80-yard trip in a high arc which simulates the flight of a regular mortar shell. The boys can watch it all the way and spot exactly where it hits.

The problem was to plug the hole in the nose of the mortar shell casing, where the detonating fuse assembly fits in a regular shell. It was ticklish business because this plug must stop the bullet from the rifle cartridge and take up part of the terrific pressure which a round of ammunition develops.

**Steel Company Aids**

The Fort McClellan gunnery experts tossed the puzzle into the laps of officials at the Kilby Steel Company in nearby Anniston, Ala. Thomas Kilby, former governor of Alabama, pushed a couple of buttons to summon the firm's secretary, E. A. Darden, and general superintendent, W. C. Hathorn.

They quickly designed a screw-in plug. It won't blow out, yet can be easily removed for cleaning bullet fragments out of the dummy.

Kilby Steel already was up to its neck in defense work, turning out artillery shells by the thousands, but the three plant officials said they would find some way for their men to make the plugs, and free of charge.

They're working on the first 250 now.

# Instructors Instructed to Keep Them Up to Date

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—The first instructional class for members of the staff and faculty, Officers' School, Eastern Signal Corps Training Center, Fort Monmouth, opened early this month, with Capt. J. M. Clemas, Plans and Training officer for the School, instructing the instructors on the organization of the Eastern Signal Corps Training Center.

This course is a new project to keep Signal Corps instructors up to date on the various changes that are occurring in training subjects and methods, as American soldiers gain more and more experience in combat. It is held each Wednesday evening.

# Posters Teach Men to Recognize Planes

CAMP POLK, La.—A plan to teach plane-identification by the use of posters has been developed by Lt. Gerald E. Griffin, company commander of the Reconnaissance Company of the 42nd Armored Regiment. Lieutenant Griffin noted the number of airplane magazines the men were buying and, remembering a picture collection of his own, got the idea of combining the pictures in poster form, so that all could learn to identify the planes more readily. At first the posters were planned to be used in classes, but it was decided to hang them in the day room, where they are both decorations and constant reminders. The posters are brought into use after the basic lectures have been given.

# Five-foot Rattlesnake Wins \$20 Camp Award

A rattlesnake almost five feet long, and a half inches around the body and bearing eight rattles recently won the \$20 first prize for his captor in Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., "Biggest Rattler" contest.

The winner in the contest, sponsored by the Amphibian, post publication, was Pfc. William Busby, who paid approximately \$2 a pound for his prize-winning entry.

# Not for Him

CAMP BUTNER, N. C. — The maintenance company built a walk-over bridge here and put on it this sign:

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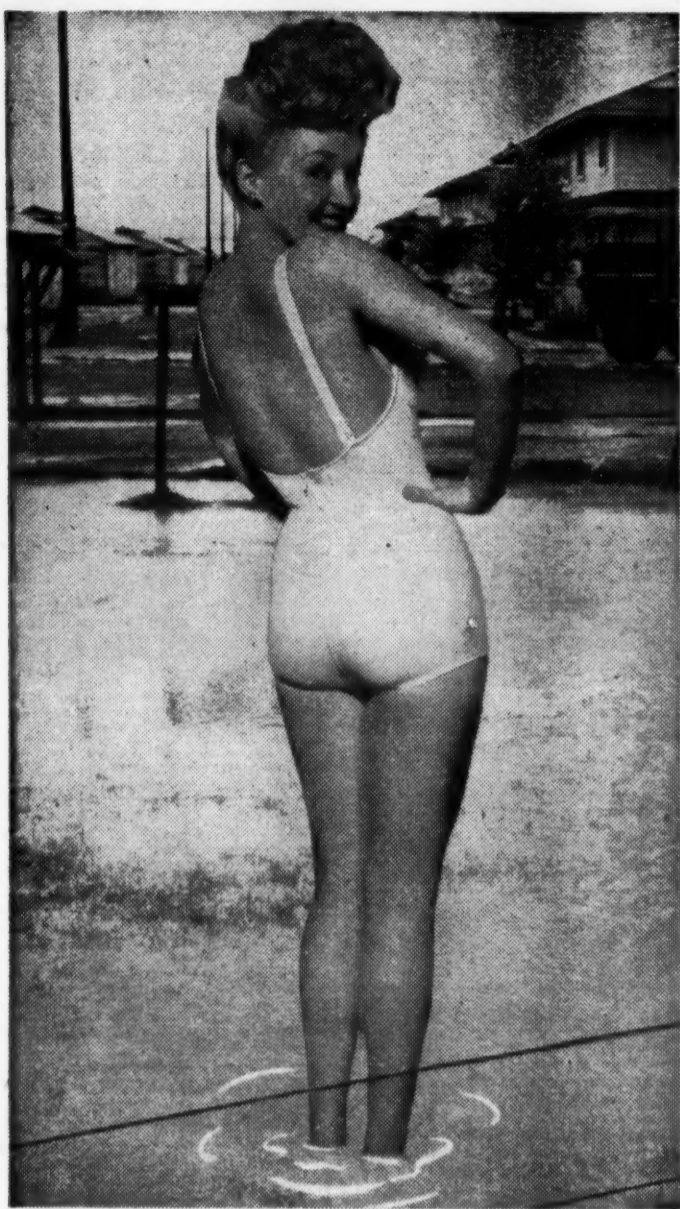
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**STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN** in the bow and arrow country, so it wasn't surprising to trainees at Fort Sill, Okla., when recent torrents formed an impromptu swimming pool in the Battery D, 29th Battalion area. The big wallop came when they saw luscious Betty Grable beaming on them from the glorified mud puddle. How she got there is a military secret, known only to Sgt. Johnny Melton, center photographer, his friends and some of the their pals.

## Pharmacy Corps

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for in 12; to lieutenant colonel in 20, and colonel in 26.

The bill also provides for a Pharmacy Corps Reserve, in which would be retained pharmacists in time of peace, and a pharmacy unit of the ROTC.

In asking that the bill be passed the committee made the following statement:

"It is expected that a Pharmacy Corps, properly organized, can effect savings in connection with the purchase, storage, and distribution of drugs and medical supplies which will fully justify its establishment in addition to the improved service which it can guarantee. The Pharmacy Corps can also be of great service in connection with the use and disposition of the large stocks of drugs and medical supplies which will in all probability be on hand when the present emergency is over.

**More Than 6,000**

"It has been difficult to learn just how many licensed pharmacists are

serving in the Army of the United States but the number must be in excess of 6,000. They enter the Army under the Selective Service Act and are detailed to the Medical Department. After taking the basic training, they are so far as possible given pharmaceutical duties or related duties and are given technical ratings up to that of technical sergeant. They are eligible for selection for officer training as are all soldiers, but if commissioned they are not commissioned as pharmacists and generally are not employed as pharmacists.

"At the same time, soldiers without pharmaceutical experience, are given a 90-day technical course in pharmacy in order that these pharmacy technicians should be available as assistants to registered pharmacists.

"Considerable evidence was submitted to show that inductees who are registered pharmacists are being employed for other than pharmaceutical duties in the Army when at the same time, these 90-day trainees are discharging pharmaceutical duties which go beyond their training.

"It is believed that this undesirable and wasteful procedure can be corrected to the best advantage by the organization of a Pharmacy Corps which can be held responsible for an adequate pharmaceutical service and personnel just as is true of the Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Corps in their respective fields."

### Name Bands to Be Part Of Grant Entertainment

CAMP GRANT, ILL.—Programs for entertainment for the summer call for the appearance of one name band a week for the next 14 weeks, together with some of the leading USO-Camp Shows, in which will be headlined some of the 90 movie stars who have offered their services to the USO organization.

The bands will play at "Keep-'Em-Flying Field," which will seat 7000. It is expected that the USO shows will remain two or three nights, instead of the usual single appearance, so that they may be enjoyed by all soldiers in the camp.

# Goosestepping Unit Organized At Knox to Harrass Trainees

FORT KNOX, Ky.—A platoon of goosestepping soldiers dressed in Nazi uniforms is being organized here to make life miserable for Fort Knox Armored Force Replacement Training Center enlisted men.

The platoon soon will be harassing all battalions who go to the battle training area for their final week in the Center before being assigned to combat divisions.

### Make 'Em Mad

Maj. Willard Bass, commander of the battle training detachment, said, "The mission of the 'Germans' is to make the soldiers so mad at the Nazis they will be anxious for combat."

He began organizing the platoon upon orders issued by Col. Marcus Jones, center plans and training officer, and approved by Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, center commander, who for long has sought ways to make soldiers more conscious of the fact they must kill or be killed.

Major Bass stated the platoon will capture as many of the training battalions' enlisted men as possible, then have them work at hard labor for an indefinite period in Shickelgruber's Pokey, a large newly-constructed "concentration camp" surrounded by a 16-foot barbed wire fence.

### Purpose To Save Lives

The purpose of it all is to save lives—to make soldiers realize they

must be alert so they will not be killed or captured some day by real Nazis.

The platoon will make forays throughout the battle training area at all hours of the day and night. It will be equipped with half-tracks, trucks, motorcycles and a jeep, all painted with Nazi insignia.

The make-believe Nazis will effect captures of the soldiers by surprising isolated groups and firing guns over their heads. The soldiers may avoid capture only by driving the platoon away in the same manner.

However, to foil the platoon, the soldiers must be on guard constantly, no matter how tired they may have become from crawling beneath

a hail of live machine gun fire, or undergoing any other of battle training's phases.

### To Be Taught German

All members of the platoon who do not speak German will be taught the rudiments of the language, which will be used while they make their raids. Now numbering 17 men, the platoon's membership will be increased to thirty.

The platoon's commander is Lt. Seymour Steinberg, who speaks German fluently. The drill master is Cpl. Charles Rinka, former student in Europe for many years, who teaches the platoon how to goosestep, giving all commands in German.

## Legion Policy Favors Jobs Before Discharges

WASHINGTON—Jobs before discharges is one of the main points of the policy of the American Legion for demobilization, according to a recent announcement by Chairman Fenlon, of the Legion, in outlining the attitude of the Legion on domestic post-war planning pertaining to employment. Six general principles of the policy are suggested.

1. A system of free enterprise to provide full employment by the development of private initiative and open competition.

2. Restricting government business to the protection of the public and to employees to assure to labor suitable working conditions, bargaining rights and adequate payment to maintain the American standard of living.

3. Assuring a proper job for each man before he is demobilized. Pending employment a system of furloughs with pay and allowances, the same to be applied during any necessary vocational training period.

4. The establishment now of post-war planning bodies for public works.

5. The extension of unemployment compensation for employees not included in the present plans, with adequate benefits.

6. The expansion and improvement of vocational training facilities, particularly for service men.

### Privates Wear Stars At 'Full Rank' Dance

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—A "Full Your Rank" dance was held in the Red Cross recreation building here last week.

As the soldiers entered the ballroom they were presented with enlarged insignia, the temporary rank running in inverse order to their actual rank. Thus privates became generals and N. C. O.'s were, for the time being, were lieutenants.

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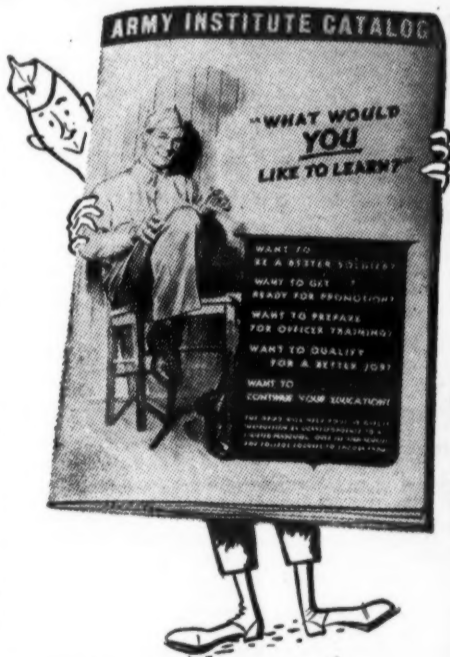
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### War Dept. Discourages Round Robin Letters

WASHINGTON—The War Department announced that efforts are being made to discourage the practice of communicating with groups of soldiers through "round robins," or news letters, and inviting composite replies by the group.

Under the "round robin" system, a letter is sent to a soldier who is a former employee of a particular company or member of a social organization, and he is asked to add his reply to it and pass it on to other soldiers who are members of the group, for further replies. Inadvertently, these replies tend to become anthologies of military information, and a custom that arose from innocent motives becomes a security hazard.

### Chris

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—A new recruit here has the family name, Columbus, and, naturally, the given name, Christopher. He likes it, too.

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